

# Landmark Vineyards



## 2018 GRAND DETOUR PINOT NOIR

<b>VARIETAL</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Sonoma Coast
<b>BARREL REGIME</b>	French oak aged (33% new)
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Greg Stach
<b>BOTTLING DATE</b>	August 2019
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%

### VINEYARD NOTES

The 2018 Grand Detour Pinot Noir was sourced from Landmark's historic Hop Kiln Estate on Westside Road. Crafting this wine from Estate fruit gives winemaker, Greg Stach, opportunities to select his favorite blocks with unique grape and rootstock combinations. Working closely with Estate Vineyard Manager, David Smith, we were able to harvest the fruit at optimum timing while employing our best practices in the vineyard. Delivering the hand-harvested and field sorted grapes to the winery in the early morning hours retains the integrity and desired characteristics of the fruit. The 2018 growing season at Hop Kiln was without the intense heat event experienced in 2017 therefore producing grapes of great sugar to acid balance, leading to a rich and balanced wine for your enjoyment.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2018 Grand Detour is primarily sourced from the North Bridge and Windmill sections of our own Hop Kiln Estate. The fruit was hand-picked, and night harvested the last week starting on the first week in September. Each lot was sorted into one-ton fermenters and allowed to cold soak for five days before fermentation. During fermentation, the bins were gently punched twice a day to extract color, flavor and tannin. At dryness, the free-run wine is drained into French oak barrels (33% new) where it ages with racking for ten months before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby in color featuring complex aromas of red cherry and ripe strawberry fruit with cola, leather and subtle roasted coffee notes. The palate is bold and rich with flavors of red cherry, ripe strawberry, an accent of earthy rhubarb with cola and black licorice spice showing fine, velvety tannins on the mid-palate and through a long finish of sustained fruit, cedar, smoke and dried herbs.

### SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2018 Grand Detour Pinot Noir has the balanced intensity for which Sonoma Coast Pinot Noirs are well known and is a great pairing with BBQ pulled pork or a classic Beef Bourguignon.

### WINERY HISTORY

Nestled at the base of the Mayacamas Mountains in the Sonoma Valley, Landmark Vineyards epitomizes the rustic grace and beauty of Sonoma County. Since 1974, Landmark has been dedicated to producing handcrafted, ultra-premium Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, sourcing grapes from unique vineyard sites throughout California to create rich, balanced wines.

### TASTING NOTES BY GREG STACH, WINEMAKER

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