

Landmark Vineyards



2018 HOP KILN ESTATE PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
BARREL REGIME	French oak aged (40% new)
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2019
ALCOHOL	14.5%

VINEYARD NOTES

For our 2nd release of this delicious Hop Kiln Estate Pinot Noir, Winemaker Greg Stach focused on grapes planted in three distinctly different parts of the vineyard. These unique sections of the vineyard, named Twin Corners, Windmill and Phase 4 differ in elevation, exposure and soils types lending to diversity in fruit, balance, composition and maturity. Collaborating with Vineyard Manager, David Smith, has given Greg the appreciation of the nuances of the Estate vineyard and a greater sense of place. Assembling a blend comprised of ten different clones has expressed the diversity of vines on over 75 acres of pinot noir to choose from at the Hop Kiln Estate. We are very proud of this Estate Pinot Noir and we hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2018 vintage is primarily sourced from the Windmill block of the vineyard, which lies above the Hop Kilns on the Western side of the vineyard and is derived from several clones. Harvest began in the start of the third week in August and finished in the fourth. The wine shows plenty of the red cherry fruit that the area is known for. Each block is de-stemmed into one-ton fermenters and is cold soaked for five days before the fermentation takes place. During fermentation, the wine is gently punched down twice a day and drained and pressed at dryness. The free run represents the blend, it is put into French oak (40% new) barrels and allowed to age sur-lie for 10 months. The wine is racked and blended shortly before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby purple color, complex and aromatic with ripe black and red fruit, cinnamon, vanilla, autumn leaves, licorice and a hint of camphor. Moderate plus bodied, with black cherry, ripe strawberry and toasted oak on entry, the mid palate shows savory cola and leather elements with nicely balanced acidity and tannins leading to a lingering finish showing black and red cherry with baking spice notes.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2018 Hop Kiln Estate Pinot Noir is a mix of complex, deep flavors beautifully balanced by structural elements that gives an elegance that is the hallmark of Russian River Pinot Noirs. Try it with a Mustard Crusted Rack of Lamb.

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.