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2016
pinot noir
la perla vineyard
spring mountain district



VINEYARD

At 1,700 feet elevation with hillside slopes upwards of 25% grade, La Perla Vineyard is the definition of a mountain vineyard and truly treacherous terrain to grow Pinot Noir. In far northwest of Napa Valley, the cold air from the Pacific Ocean creeps over the Mayacama Mountains, draping itself over Spring Mountain, creating the perfect framework of cold nights and a long growing season for Pinot Noir.

La Perla Vineyard is riddled with shallow volcanic soils with intermittent patches of sedimentary and calcareous rock. With the meter by meter planting of this site, over 4,000 vines/acre are achieved, resulting in smaller vines with smaller, more concentrated and powerful Pinot noir clusters and berries. Coupled with the fact this vineyard is organically farmed, this rocky, hillside block is ideal for our single vineyard brick & mortar Pinot Noir.

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was again early, but not as early as 2015. Yields were near normal in all vineyards with above-average quality. With a relatively even growing season that followed welcomed winter rains to alleviate drought conditions, the mild daytime high temperatures and colder nights aided in producing fruit with wonderful depth and concentration. 2016 will go down as the fifth consecutive vintage of exceptional fruit quality in Napa Valley.

WINEMAKING

Our winemaker strives to allow the site to shine in every wine he produces. All lots of Pinot Noir undergo an extended cold soak until native yeast begin a spontaneous fermentation in open-top fermentors, where the grapes are punchdown by hand once to twice per day. Our small lot fermentations, with no whole cluster, take upwards of a month before a light pressing to barrel for their extended aging. Our Pinot Noir remains in 100% used French oak barrels for 16 months and then is racked once before it is bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Vineyard Designate: La Perla Vineyard
AVA: Napa Valley
Production: 170 cases
Alcohol: 13.0%
Release Date: October 15th, 2018

WINE

The 2016 La Perla Vineyard Pinot Noir exudes a mountain fruit masculinity with a deep and savory complexion. Full of aromas red plum, red rose and lavender, La Perla Vineyard is renown for its concentration and purity. With immense structure and depth, the palate is full of burnt orange, bright cherry and blackberry. This wine shows well in its early years and will continue to age gracefully for 10-15+ years.

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