



CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED
2016 PINOT NOIR

THE CHALK HILL ESTATE is located at the convergence of a number of diverse climates, soils and terrains in the northeastern hills of Sonoma County. The Chalk Hill AVA is a sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley, the epicenter of Pinot Noir growing and winemaking. While the estate is a bit warm for top quality Pinot Noir, our Trenton Road vineyard, located a few miles west of the winery, is ideally situated. Trenton's 45 acres of vineyard are planted with six highly regarded clones of Pinot Noir, primarily Mt. Eden, Pommard, Swan and Dijon 777.

The 2016 growing season began with an earlier than average bud break and fruit set followed by moderate temperatures in spring and summer. This allowed for even ripening, and balanced flavors. Our 2016 Estate Pinot Noir opens with aromas of wild strawberries, juniper berries and dark chocolate. Soft tannins and a silky texture greet the palate with notes of sweet red berries and cola with a hint of vanilla. Balanced acidity and a smooth, lingering finish will leave you wanting another sip.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: SEPTEMBER 2 - 10, 2016

Average Yields: 2.24 TONS/ACRE

Average Brix at Harvest: 24.5°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

MONTHLY BÂTONNAGE FOR THREE MONTHS

Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 39% NEW

Barrel Aging: 10 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 100% PINOT NOIR

Bottling Date: JULY 12, 2017

pH: 3.80 TA: 5.69 G/L Alcohol: 14.9%