



CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED

2017 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. Our 2017 is comprised of the Mt. Eden Clone 37 (37%), Swan 97 (23%), and Pommard Clone 4 (41%).

2017 began with heavy rains in winter, which reinvigorated the vineyards going into bud break. The region had sunny days throughout the spring and summer, and a heat spike in August which propelled the harvest schedule. Our 2017 Estate Pinot Noir presents aromas of wild strawberries, dark chocolate and a hint of pine forest. Supple tannins and a silky texture entice the palate with notes of sweet red berries and a touch of vanilla. Balanced acidity and a smooth, enduring finish will leave you wanting another sip.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: SEPTEMBER 2-9, 2017

Average Yields: 3.43 TONS/ACRE

Average Brix at Harvest: 24.7°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

MONTHLY BÂTONNAGE FOR THREE MONTHS

Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 55% NEW

Barrel Aging: 10 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 100% PINOT NOIR

Bottling Date: AUGUST 2, 2018

pH: 3.16 *TA:* 5.69 G/L *Alcohol:* 15.0%