



# CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED  
2018 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 2018 growing season was one of the most consistent in recent memory. Mild spring weather led to prime fruit set and ideal growing conditions. Our 2018 Pinot Noir is lush and rich with vibrant acidity that carries the finish. Aromas include black cherries, Bergamot tea and rose petals. Ripe cherries and pomegranate dominate the flavors, along with hints of cola and warm spices.

## HARVEST

*Harvest Dates:* SEPTEMBER 17 & 24, 2018

*Average Yields:* 2.5 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 24.9°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

MONTHLY BÂTONNAGE FOR THREE MONTHS

*Cooperage:* 100% FRENCH OAK, 36% NEW

*Barrel Aging:* 10 MONTHS

## WINE

*Blend:* 100% PINOT NOIR

*Bottling Date:* JULY 11, 2019

pH: 3.69      TA: 5.85 G/L      Alcohol: 14.9%