



PINOT NOIR

2017

TECHNICAL DETAILS

CLONE

Dijon clone 777 – known for dark and rich characteristics

HARVEST DATE

August 26th

AVERAGE BRIX

24.6

ALCOHOL

14.3%

PH / TA AT HARVEST

3.61 / 5.63 g/L

FINAL PH / TA

3.58 / 5.79g/L

BARRELS PRODUCED

11

CASES PRODUCED

264

AGING

Aged for 14 months in 18% once filled French oak, 18% new French oak -Light Toast - Extra Fine Grain -36 month seasoning, 64% neutral barrels

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

TASTING NOTES

Blueberries, plumbs, spiced raspberries and vanilla on the nose. Fruit-forward and smooth with soft tannins. Medium-bodied with an elegant finish.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Greengate Ranch and Vineyard is immaculate from the way the vines are trained to the accompanying water storage ponds used for irrigation. Our 777 clone of Pinot Noir is grown on a 4 acre block that exists just at the top of a subtle 9 to 15 percent slope with good drainage. Rows facing North to South are grown in fertile Diablo and Gibo clay soils that produce grapes rich with flavor.

GROWING SEASON

Overall, the season ran two to three weeks later than 2016 due to heavy rainfall with delayed bud break. Heavy rains resulted in increased botrytis and mildew pressure, but also provided vigorous shoot growth that balanced the crop load and canopy. Vines fared well during the September heat spike, which had a shorter duration in Edna Valley than in many other regions. Good soil moisture helped mitigate the effects of the heat, while crops showed good flavor development with a little less acidity than usual.

WINEMAKING

We practiced strict anaerobic winemaking techniques during crush by using dry ice during a 3-day cold soak. A special strain of yeast was used to enhance the wine's complexity as well as to increase viscosity and fullness on the palate. After a very gentle pressing, special barrels were selected to impart just the right hint of oak: some cool climate series, extra fine grain French oak barrels that were seasoned for 36 months in Monthureux sur-Saone of Northeastern France.