



The CALLING

Russian River Valley

FOX DEN VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

2016

BACKGROUND

Fox Den Vineyards sits on the Western boundary of the Green Valley AVA in the Russian River Valley, 12 miles from the coast. The microclimate has moderate daytime temperatures, cool nights, and early-morning fog, resulting in a long growing season that is perfect for Pinot Noir. The grapes boast good sugar levels, ripe tannins, and high acid, resulting in dense and complex wines.

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley AVA, Sonoma County

SOURCING

Fox Den Vineyard

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-picked, hand-sorted, and de-stemmed. They underwent a five-day cold soak followed by fermentation with daily punch-downs by hand to enhance flavor extraction.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage was an excellent growing year, with a warm and dry winter, just like the previous four vintages. Yields were higher than 2015, but not by much. Conditions were ideal during the harvest, which was executed by the end of September.

OAK AGING

100% French Oak, 35% new

TIME IN OAK

16 months

TASTING NOTES

A dark, luscious Pinot Noir dominated by rose petal and wild strawberry. Earthy notes of cherry pit, spice, and smoke linger on a long finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.59 TA 5.7 g/L RS 1.2 g/L Alc. 14.5%

WINEMAKER

James MacPhail / Dan Goldfield

FOUNDERS

Peter Deutsch and Jim Nantz