



The CALLING

Sonoma Coast
PATRIARCH PINOT NOIR
2016

BACKGROUND

Each vintage we carefully select the best single vineyard lot from across all our vineyards and that bottling becomes our finest expression of Pinot Noir. It is quite literally the Patriarch of our family of Pinot Noirs as well as an homage to our own patriarchs who taught us to pursue our Callings.

This year, Patriarch comes from Putnam Vineyard on the extreme Sonoma Coast just 6 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The vines are surrounded by Redwoods on all sides and in many areas within the vineyard. The coastal climate and the Goldridge sandy loam soils result in wines with plenty of richness along with some high-toned finesse.

APPELLATION

Sonoma Coast AVA, Sonoma County

SOURCING

Putnam 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 complex wine with red berries, black plum, and flower petals supported by darker notes of dried herbs, cedar, clove, allspice, dried citrus peel, and forest floor. Full-bodied, with stony minerality and grippy tannins.

TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.61 TA 5.9 g/L RS 1.2 g/L Alc. 14.5%

WINEMAKER

James MacPhail / Dan Goldfield

FOUNDERS

Peter Deutsch and Jim Nantz