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# The CALLING

Russian River Valley  
SUNNY VIEW PINOT NOIR  
2016

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## BACKGROUND

Planted in 1999, the Sunny View Vineyard is on the Santa Rosa plain in the center of the Russian River Valley AVA. Despite its name, it is a low lying site shrouded in fog overnight and through the morning during the growing season. The result of this very cool site is a delicately balanced Pinot Noir, which achieves depth and concentration in ripeness while retaining acidity and verve.

## APPELLATION

Russian River Valley AVA, Sonoma County

## SOURCING

Sunny View 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 classic bouquet of dark fruit and Christmas spices. The same flavors return on the palate along with a touch of pepper, forest floor, and lovely leathery tannins.

## 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