



WAYFARER

2017 PINOT NOIR MOTHER ROCK

TASTING NOTES

Raspberry, red cherry and aromatics of freshly-cut flowers emerge from the 2017 Mother Rock Pinot Noir. Powdery tannins balance with linear acidity to provide structure for the fruit to shine. This is a concentrated wine of intense focus, with the cleanse of wet slate as the wine finishes on the palate.

VINTAGE NOTES

2017 saw the largest accumulated rainfall in recent history at Wayfarer, 86 inches in total. Much of that rainfall occurred in January and February, while the vines were dormant. Wayfarer enjoyed moderate temperatures and clear skies through April and into May. This allowed for steady vine growth and consistent bloom, beginning at the end of May. June encountered one of the warmer stretches on record for the month. After a very wet winter, this proved to be a nice balance for the vines, helping to dry the wet soils and tame what could have been substantial vigor. The warmth continued through the summer, bringing nice texture to the fruit. Harvest began on September 6th with block 6. As harvest continued through September, temperatures became cooler, allowing the vines to ripen gradually. Not wanting to rush the vines, we patiently waited and wrapped up harvest in early October.

WINEMAKING NOTES

We hand-picked each block and delivered firm, cool clusters to the winery before sunrise. We then hand-sorted and de-stemmed the fruit before transferring to tank, where five to seven days of cold maceration preceded more than two weeks of 100% native yeast fermentation. The free run wine was transferred to 67% new French oak for 15 months of aging.

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“The 2017 Pinot Noir Mother Rock emerges from a blend of east-facing parcels on 30-degree slopes with shallow soils. It is, not surprisingly, one of the more reticent Pinots in this range. Sweet red cherry, white pepper, chalk and mint give the Mother Rock its striking aromatic top notes and brightness. This is an especially focused, driven style.” 96 points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous, April 2020

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ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast
BLOCKS	3, 11
CLONES	37, Dijon 777
WINEMAKER	Vinted by Bibiana González Rave, blended by Todd Kohn
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	Less than 3 pounds
HARVESTED	October 2, 2017
BOTTLED	December 10, 2018
ALCOHOL	14.4%
pH	3.5
PRODUCTION	80 cases

