



WAYFARER

2017 PINOT NOIR GOLDEN MEAN

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Golden Mean Pinot Noir opens with dark notes of anise, blueberry and forest floor, before evolving into fresh lavender and rose water. The texture of this wine always sets it apart, as the supple tannin of the Pommard clone drives the richness and element of spice found in this wine.

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 33% new French oak for 15 months of aging.

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“The 2017 Pinot Noir Golden Mean is a mix of Pommard and Swan clone with 10% whole clusters, an approach that yields a compelling combination of juicy fruit and exotic aromatics. Black cherry, plum, licorice, menthol, lavender and spice are some of the notes that burst out of the glass. This is such a complex and nuanced Pinot. In a word: Stellar.” 97 points, Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, April 2020

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ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast
BLOCKS	5, 20, 24, 26a
CLONES	Pommard 4, Pommard 5, Swan
WINEMAKER	Vinted by Bibiana González Rave, blended by Todd Kohn
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	Less than 3 pounds
HARVESTED	September 6 - 25, 2017
BOTTLED	December 10, 2018
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.55
PRODUCTION	125 cases

