



WAYFARER

2016 PINOT NOIR THE TRAVELER

TASTING NOTES

The Traveler Pinot Noir—made from a single “suitcase clone”—pays homage to the legendary journey of an original vine cutting from Burgundy’s most revered vineyard. The wine has deep ruby color in the glass. Aromas of ripe wild strawberries and hibiscus tea mingle with intriguing hints of earth and unmistakable minerality. On the palate, bright cherry and pomegranate flavors are accented with notes of tamarind spice and leather—balanced by acidity and supported by generous, mouth-enveloping tannins. Toasted almond and orange bitters carry over a long, complex finish. This is a wine that will age beautifully for another ten years.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage showcases elegance and purity of fruit, as the growing season shifted to a more normal timeframe after the previous three vintages had an early start. The growing season started off with above-normal temperatures that eased into more moderate June weather. The last days of August and first of September marked a minor heat spell, that brought the vines out of their slow, methodical ripening. When the temperatures increased, extra care was taken by the vineyard team and our multiple passes through the vineyard paid off—we harvested each block of our Wayfarer Vineyard at peak ripeness, for wines with vibrant fruit and balanced acidity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

In the pre-dawn hours, the fruit was hand-picked and hand-sorted, prior to being de-stemmed and delivered to tank by gravity. Six days of cold maceration preceded more than two weeks of 100% native yeast fermentation. The fruit was then gently pressed, its free-run juice transferred to 80% new French oak barrels for 15 months of aging.

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“My favorite in the lineup was the 2016 Pinot Noir The Traveler, but these are all pretty much desert island wines... Sensational notes of passion fruits, blood orange, black raspberries, spice, and crazy floral notes give way to medium to full-bodied Pinot Noir that’s just about as good as it gets. With perfect tannins, a seamless, weightless texture, no hard edges, and a blockbuster finish, this finesse-driven, elegant Pinot Noir needs to be tasted to be believed.” 99 Points. Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com.

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ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast
BLOCKS	9 & 18
CLONE	Wayfarer
WINEMAKER	Bibiana González Rave
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	Less than 3 pounds
HARVESTED	September 17 - 20, 2016
BOTTLED	December 11, 2017
ALCOHOL	14.4%
pH	3.42
PRODUCTION	125 cases

