



## 2016 Pinot Noir

### Thorn Ridge Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

#### Vineyard Details

<b>Vineyard</b>	Thorn Ridge
<b>Planted</b>	1996
<b>Elevation</b>	600 Feet
<b>Miles from Coast</b>	9 miles
<b>Clones</b>	Pommard & 115
<b>Soil</b>	Goldridge fine sandy loam
<b>Harvest</b>	August 31 & September 2

#### Winemaking Details

<b>Barrel Aging</b>	20 Months in French oak barrels - 40% New
<b>pH</b>	3.44
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.2%
<b>Bottling</b>	May 17, 2018
<b>Production</b>	125 Cases
<b>Drinking Window</b>	2019 - 2029

#### Growing Notes

Along with their legendary Klopp Ranch Vineyard, Ted Klopp and his daughter, Lauren Klopp Williams, farm Thorn Ridge Vineyard. It is a steep eastern-facing sloped vineyard planted on Goldridge sandy loam soils. This wine is a blend of two blocks from the vineyard that were planted in 1996 to Pommard and 115 clones. Thorn Ridge is located just west of the town of Sebastopol where a heavy marine influence gives notes of dark fruit integrated with spicy undertones to the wine.

The 2016 vintage is one of beautiful aromatics and balance. We were blessed to have plenty of rain throughout the winter and spring of this vintage. This was followed by ideal weather conditions throughout the summer and a cold spell in late August, which allowed for longer hang time and great phenological development. The wines from this vintage have elegance and restraint.

#### Tasting Notes

Aromas of bright cherry and just ripe plum are elevated by subtle notes of orange peel, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Rounding out the aromatic profile are spices of thyme, sage, and white pepper. Dark fruit flavors of blackberry and plum are seamlessly followed by subtle oak notes. The structure of this wine is mouth-filling, yet the tannins have a smooth and lingering finish on the palate.

