



## 2017 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>	September 7 & 9

#### Winemaking Details

<b>Barrel Aging</b>	20 Months in French oak
	barrels - 25% New
<b>pH</b>	3.41
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.8%
<b>Bottling</b>	May 10, 2019
<b>Production</b>	100 Cases
<b>Drinking Window</b>	2020 - 2030

#### 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 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.

Overall, the 2017 vintage produced well balanced, seamlessly integrated wines. We had plenty of rain in the growing season and a heat spell in early September that pushed our vineyards along through ripening. In October, devastating fires broke out over Sonoma and Napa County. We were very fortunate to have finished pressing all of our fruit and the wines were safely in barrel when the fires began.

#### Tasting Notes

Rustic and dark aromas of blackberry, plum and ripe cherry burst out of the glass. Layered notes of five spice, orange peel, and anise round out the aromatic profile of this dynamic pinot noir. On the palate, the fruit is unexpectedly bright with notes of raspberry and dark cherry. There is a rich lushness that carries flavors of creamy vanilla and clove that linger on the finish.

