



BANSHEE

2016 BARLOW LANE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR SONOMA COAST

BARLOW LANE VINEYARD IS A SMALL 2.5 ACRE PLOT IN A NICE COUPLE'S BACKYARD, JUST OUTSIDE THE TINY HAMLET OF GRATON IN THE SONOMA COAST AVA. THE VINEYARD SLOPES DOWN TOWARDS ATASCADERO CREEK WHERE COOL AIR TENDS TO POOL FROM EVENING UNTIL LATE MORNING EACH DAY. THE HIGH-DENSITY VINEYARD IS PLANTED TO 115 AND SWAN CLONES ON CLASSIC GOLDRIDGE SOILS. THIS VINEYARD TENDS TO BE ONE OF THE LAST PINOT NOIR VINEYARDS THAT WE HARVEST.



This vintage marks the end of the drought year vintages in northern California, which ended emphatically in the winter of 2016. Once again, we saw extremely early bud break, flowering, and harvest for Pinot Noir that was mostly complete before September. These drought years have produced wines with excellent consistency, little disease pressure in the vineyards, and exceptional depth and intensity.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD

100% Barlow Vineyard, Sonoma Coast;

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand sorted and completely destemmed. They were punched down by hand 1-3 times per day during fermentation. The grapes fermented using ambient yeast and were pressed at dryness. Only 4 barrels were made.

AGING

16 months in 30% new French oak

TASTING

This is a very delicate Pinot Noir. Its markings are more like a fine pointed pen than a thick marker; capable of making a highly detailed sketch with finely fitted and harmonious contours. A warmly scented nose of potpourri and freshly crushed red berries. In the mouth you will find electric flavors of cranberry, strawberry, anise seed and pomegranate. The finish is long, precise and pleasantly bitter, much like a negroni.

PRODUCTION

90 CASES

ALCOHOL

14.1%

PH

3.56

TA

6.0