

FOLEY F SONOMA

2016 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Foley Sonoma is dedicated to mixing old-world tradition and modern technology to create limited production, luxury wines from estate vineyards in the Alexander Valley appellation within Sonoma County. Our family has been growing and creating wines since 1996 throughout California and beyond. The estate vineyards offer diverse terrain and soil types that cater to our focus on the five noble Bordeaux varieties — Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We look forward to sharing the wines from this special place with you and your family for years to come. — The Foley Family

VINTAGE

2016 was an excellent vintage in the Russian River Valley. Although yields were slightly lower than in 2015, fruit quality was high across all varieties. Veraison set in early and completed by the end of July - beginning of August, and weeks of warm temperatures pushed harvest ahead of schedule. The grapes for our 2016 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir were harvested in the cool morning hours of September 9, 2016 at optimal ripeness.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The fruit for this Russian River Valley Pinot Noir came from the Mt. Eden Clone block of the Foley Family owned Trenton Station vineyard. This vineyard is a very level growing site with plenty of exposure to bring the fruit to optimum ripeness. After harvest, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks and then racked to French oak barrels. After aging for 15 months in French oak (18% new), the wine was bottled.

TASTING NOTES

This 2016 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir opens with ripe aromas of blackberry, Marionberry and cherry on the nose. The rich fruit properties are balanced by ample acidity on the palate, creating a lighter style Pinot Noir than the nose may first suggest. This wine has enough body to enjoy on its own, but really shines when paired with tomato-based dishes.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Aging: 15 months in French oak, 18% new

Alcohol: 14.1%

TA: 6.8 g/L

pH: 3.47

Production: 286 Cases

