

SQUARE PEG

2016 Russian River Valley Dry Farmed Pinot Noir Square Peg Estate Vineyard



The Square Peg Estate Vineyard has the distinction of being co-located in 3 of the most highly regarded AVA's in which to grow Pinot Noir grapes; Russian River Valley, Green Valley and Sonoma Coast. The elevation of the vineyard is 800' and is located approximately 8 miles from the ocean.

What sets us apart from neighboring vineyards is the fact that we dry farm our vines. Dry farmed grapes more accurately reflect terroir than irrigated grapes because the roots of the vines are forced to go very deep (15+ feet) to find moisture. As the roots travel ever deeper in search of moisture, they travel through different soil types with different mineral and clay content. These varied soil types affect the vines growth, fruit production and maturation.

Winemaking

The fruit was cold soaked for 3 days after de-stemming and lightly crushed to ensure that the berries remained whole in the fermenter. The cap was gently irrigated twice a day with intermittent punch-downs and extended maceration with immediate racking to French oak, for malolactic. The wine was bottled after spending 18 months in 35% new French oak. 380 cases made

Tasting Notes

A well balanced, fragrant and complex Pinot Noir with medium weight and moderate garnet color. Subtle flavors of red cherry, raspberry, and rose petals linger in the very long finish. Bright acidity and mild tannin ensures that this elegant wine continues to evolve as it ages.