

BUCHER

2016 Pinot Noir Bucher Vineyard Russian River Valley Sonoma County

The Vineyard: Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, Bucher Vineyard was founded in 1997 by John Bucher. After graduating from UC Davis, John returned to Healdsburg to manage the family dairy farm and soon diversified into wine grapes. Additional plantings followed in 1998, 1999, 2006, 2008, and 2009. Today, Bucher Vineyard has 38 acres of sustainably-farmed grapes – 36 acres of Pinot Noir on 14 distinct blocks and 2 acres of Chardonnay. The Pinot Noir blocks are comprised of several clones, as well as various rootstock.

Vintage Notes: Our 2016 Single vineyard blend is made from five clones from eight of our Pinot Noir blocks. Pommard is the backbone of the 2016 blend and we sourced fruit from three Pommard blocks—Raspberry, West Pyramid, and Tory's Block near our house. Clone 115, Mt. Eden (PN37), Swan, and Dijon 667 complete the blend.

Tasting Notes: Perfumey aromatics of dried cherry, Ceylon tea, and cranberry are seamlessly woven with traces of sandalwood and cola. Concentrated flavors fill the palate with both a savory and earthy essence. Red cherry, spicy plum, and dried rose petal merge with hints of rhubarb, saffras, tobacco leaves, and smoky oak to offer a layered wine with depth and complexity. The lengthy finish reveals elegant tannins and your desire to sip it again.



Composition	100% Pinot Noir	Harvest Date	August 16 - 24, 2016
Vintage	2016	Brix	24.8° (average)
Appellation	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aging	10 months in French oak
Vineyard Designation	Bucher Vineyard	Cooperage	20% in new François Frères oak barrels, 80% 1 - 5 year French oak barrels
Block / Clones	Raspberry/Pommard Saddle Block/Swan House/115 Tory's Block/Pommard West Pyramid/Pommard South Hill/115 & Mt. Eden Pear Tree Block/Dijon 667 RockRidge/Pommard	Bottling Date	August 13, 2017
		Alcohol	14.5%
		pH	3.80
		T.A.	0.54g/100mL
		Release Date	April 2018
		Production	512 cases

