

2017 WESTWOOD CALERA CLONE PINOT NOIR

ANNADEL GAP VINEYARD, SONOMA VALLEY AVA



Farming

Biodynamic,
Organic

Cases

50

Clone

Calera

Aging

16 mths French oak
(50% new)

pH

3.82

TA

55 g/L

ABV

13.8%

Brix

22.5

Tasting Notes

This dark and juicy single clone Pinot Noir explodes with intense aromas of wild strawberry and mulberry, slowly opening to spices of cinnamon stick, clove and cocoa powder. The palate fills with juicy flavors of cranberry and boysenberry, as dark chocolate and earthy richness hits the mid-palate to be powerfully finished with shaved milk chocolate and dried lavender. One of nine clones of Pinot Noir planted at Annadel Gap Vineyard, we are great admirers of this selection's ability to toe the line between hedonism and grace.

Vineyard

The Annadel Gap Vineyard is a special place. Located between Mt. Hood and the Sonoma Mountains, our site is characterized by thick morning fog and strong afternoon winds. Alluvial, glacial, and sedimentary influences create a wide array of soil types. Ideal growing conditions, varied soils, and our minimal-impact farming methods yield precise, balanced fruit.

Winemaking

Hand-harvested at night, the fruit was sorted then fermented with 22% whole clusters. 6 days cold soak, gentle punch downs 1-3 times daily, 19 days on the skins, gently basket pressed to French oak barrels (50% new). Aged for 16 months then bottled unfiltered.