

CLAIBORNE & CHURCHILL

2016 CLASSIC PINOT NOIR

CELLAR NOTES

The 2016 vintage was like a well behaved child; always lovely and even tempered, but more delightful still - actually fulfilling the promises expected of it. Like all excellent vintages it was precocious from a calendar point of view. This results in final ripening enjoying the benefit of extra hours of warmth and sunlight.

Twin Creeks Vineyards, located just across the road from the winery, were the entire source of this wine. The low lying colder soils of this site particularly welcome earlier and warmer vintages. Clonal diversity is an added advantage of these Estate vines. The combination of heritage clones and more modern selections creates complexity and depth.

TASTING NOTES

The more balanced and classic the Pinot, the more difficult it is to dissect. Such is the case here. In a sense, words fail. With this in mind, still it can be said, that this wine is warm and ripe in the best sense with dark fruit dominating the aromas. There are hints of spice and licorice as well, but its seamless-ness continually resists easy description. The textures are sweet, solid, and dry with particularly intriguing tannins and a long finish.

VINEYARDS

100% ESTATE TWIN CREEKS
EDNA VALLEY AVA

CLONES

54% MARTINI
31% 2A
15% #113

ROOTSTOCK

101-14 AND 5C

HARVESTED

SEPTEMBER 1-19, 2016

BARREL AGING

35 BARREL BLEND
25% NEW FRENCH OAK
AGED 10 MONTHS IN BARREL

BOTTLED

AUGUST 8, 2017

CASES PRODUCED

760 750ML

91
POINTS

WINE ENTHUSIAST

90
POINTS

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