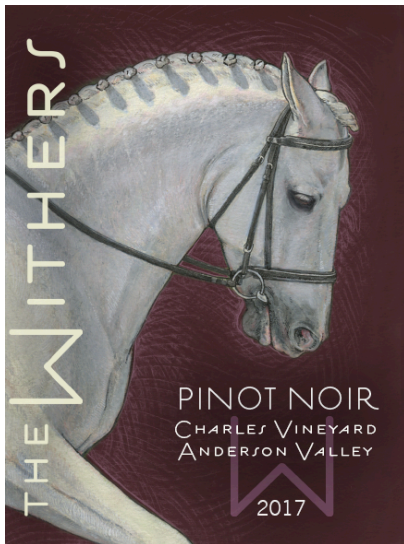


# THE WITHERS

COOL CLIMATE WINES FROM THE SONOMA COAST AND SIERRA FOOTHILLS



## 2017 PINOT NOIR

CHARLES VINEYARD – ANDERSON VALLEY

304 CASES MADE

13.3% ALCOHOL

### WINEMAKER NOTES

THIS GORGEOUS POMMARD CLONE BASED PINOT FEATURES LIQUEUR-LIKE BING CHERRY NOTES AND FINE GRAINED TANNINS. LOVELY NOW, THIS MEDIUM BODIED BEAUTY HAS A STRONG CORE THAT WILL ENABLE IT TO IMPROVE WITH BOTTLE AGE. HIGH TONED AROMAS OF UNDERBRUSH, HERBS, CHOCOLATE AND ANISE FLAVORS EMERGE WITH EXPOSURE TO AIR. IT SHOULD PAIR EFFORTLESSLY WITH SALMON, SWORDFISH, ALL FOWL AND MEATS, AND PASTA.

### VINEYARD NOTES

CHARLES VINEYARD, PLANTED IN 2001, IS A 14 ACRE PROPERTY (10 ACRES PLANTED TO PINOT NOIR) LOCATED IN BOONVILLE, ABUTTING ANDERSON CREEK AND THE FOOTHILLS RISING OFF THE VALLEY FLOOR. CLONES HARVESTED INCLUDE POMMARD, 115, AND 667. THE SITE CAN EXPERIENCE OVER 50 DEGREE DAILY SWINGS IN TEMPERATURES AND OVER 40 INCHES OF RAINFALL ANNUALLY, BUT SITS ON AN ANCIENT RIVER BED THAT FEATURES EXTREMELY WELL DRAINED SOILS, ALL OF WHICH PRODUCES STRONG FRUIT STRUCTURE AND ACIDITY OVER LENGTHY RIPENING SEASONS.

### VINIFICATION AND COOPERAGE

OF THE 15 BARRELS USED, ONLY 3 WERE NEW (TONNELERIE REMOND). THE REMAINING COOPERAGE WAS 1-5 YEAR OLD FRANCOIS FRÈRES BARRELS. THE WINE WAS HARVESTED BY HAND AND FERMENTED WITH 35% WHOLE CLUSTERS AND AMBIENT YEASTS AT COOL TEMPERATURES AFTER A COLD SOAK. WE EMPLOYED NO FINING OR FILTRATION, AND RACKED ONLY PRIOR TO BOTTLING.

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