



## 2017 CLONE 828 PINOT NOIR

ESTATE GROWN – SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

We are proud to count several iconic French clones among our Pinot Noir plantings at the Brick Barn estate, including Clone 828—the focus of this small production - clonal selection wine.

### ESTATE VINEYARD

The 35-acre Brick Barn estate vineyard lies just north of the Santa Ynez River in a largely unexplored winegrowing corridor near the city of Buellton in the western Santa Ynez Valley. The 2017 Clone 828 Pinot Noir comes from Block 10, which is planted along an upper highland at an elevation of 550 feet. Here, persistent sun exposure ensures fully defined fruit flavors, while the Pacific Ocean—just 10 miles away—delivers daily cooling that maintains vital varietal acidity and structure. Rocky loam and limestone soils further ensure the authentic expression of variety and clone. The result is a naturally expressive Pinot Noir that showcases the distinctive qualities of Clone 828, which is known to excel in our estate vineyard.

### WINEMAKING

The fruit from Block 10 was night harvested to ensure complete fruit integrity. After harvesting, the grapes were destemmed and cold soaked for a gentle extraction of color and flavor. The must was fermented in open-top bins with manual punch downs three times daily—a small-lot winemaking regimen designed to maximize fruit quality and expression. The wine was then aged for 22 months in French oak barrels featuring 25 percent new oak, bringing added texture and dimension to the palate. At the conclusion of aging, Winemaker Adrian Bolshoi selected 20 standout barrels to create this special clonal selection.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Clone 828 Pinot Noir offers beautifully nuanced aromas of rose petal, blueberry, raspberry, sage and juniper. A luscious, jammy texture is loaded with flavors of brambly red fruits accented by notes of cedar and wild blackberry, all converging into a soft, elegant finish.



### VINEYARD

Block 10

### CLONE

Clone 828

### AGING

22 months - 25% new French oak

**pH** 3.51 **TA** .60 **ALC** 14.8%

**MSRP** \$52