



## 2017 PINOT NOIR RESERVE

ESTATE GROWN – SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

The 2017 Pinot Noir Reserve is a special selection of the finest barrels from the Brick Barn estate vineyard, held for extended aging to create a wine of uncommon dimension and complexity.

### 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 Pinot Noir Reserve draws upon five Pinot Noir blocks and clones 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 imbue the fruit with classic Pinot Noir qualities.

### WINEMAKING

After nighttime harvesting, the fruit was destemmed and cold soaked for a gentle extraction of color and flavor. Each individual Pinot Noir lot was fermented separately, then aged in French oak barrels (25% new oak) over a period of 19 months. Next, winemaker Adrian Bolshoi tasted through all of the lots and selected the finest 16 barrels for reserve treatment. These barrels were held for an additional 15 months to develop enhanced integration and complexity. The result is a masterful Pinot Noir blend that showcases what is possible from the Brick Barn estate.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Pinot Noir Reserve presents a light, beautiful color that belies its depth of flavor. The nose is bright and lively, showing aromas of cranberry, strawberry, cinnamon and dried herb. The palate is juicy and rounded with ample heft, delivering sleek, integrated red fruit flavors with suggestions of vanilla and forest floor. Fine acidity carries the experience to an elegantly sturdy conclusion.



### VINEYARD

Blocks 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13

### CLONES

Clones 115, 667, 777, 828 & Pommard

### AGING

34 months – 25% new French oak

pH 3.45 TA .60 ALC 14.6%

MSRP \$75