

CASTORO CELLARS

Reserve PINOT NOIR 2017 BLIND FAITH VINEYARD

Blind Faith Vineyard is one of our oldest SIP Certified Estate Vineyards. The Pinot Noir clusters are tiny with small berries which help in creating the fruit intensity of the delicate wine. The Blind Faith Vineyard is known for distinct aromas of red berries and herbs. Enjoy with grilled salmon or roasted lamb for a real treat.

NIELS AND BIMMER UDSEN, Owners

HARVEST NOTES

2017 was a picture perfect growing year with late heat. Early bud break and substantial soil moisture from the above average and much needed rain caused the grapes to grow rapidly and build beautiful canopies which ended up being crucial later. A sustained heat wave hit California and the vines with adequate canopy survived well. It was a rush to the finish line before the rains arrived. Overall – fully mature grapes and excellent wine.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Pinot Noir is a delicate grape that is gently fermented and pressed to avoid harsh tannins. Since this Pinot Noir has a lighter body, harsh tannins would create a 'donut wine', meaning it has a big front palate and finish with a hollow mid-palate. This wine is aged in French oak for a year creating an elegant finish with toasty oak flavors. The Blind Faith Pinot Noir has a beautiful nose of red berry fruit, cola spice, and delicate green herbs.

TOM MYERS, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE: Rusted burgundy red

AROMA: Black cherry, cola, eucalyptus, dried mint

PALATE: Cranberry and red cherry with herbs. Some tannins on the finish

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir VINEYARD SOURCES: Blind Faith Vineyard

AVA: Paso Robles HARVEST DATE: Oct. 7, 2017

BOTTLING DATE: Oct. 24, 2018 HARVEST SUGAR: 23.5° brix

OAK: French OAK AGE: 12 months ALCOHOL: 13.5%

TA: 0.69 g/100mL pH: 3.73

