

Landmark Vineyards



2016 GRAND DETOUR PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Sonoma Coast
BARREL REGIME	French oak (33% new)
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
RELEASE DATE	March 2019
ALCOHOL	14.3%

VINEYARD NOTES

The 2017 Grand Detour Pinot Noir was primarily sourced from Landmark's Hop Kiln Estate on Westside Road, located in the heart of the famed Russian River Valley. Crafting this wine from Estate fruit gives winemaker, Greg Stach opportunities to select his favorite blocks with unique grape and rootstock combinations. Working closely with Estate Vineyard Manager, David Smith, we were able to harvest the fruit at optimum timing while employing our best practices to mitigate the potentially damaging effects from the 10-day heat event with eight days exceeding 100 degrees that created a sense of urgency throughout the region.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2017 Grand Detour is primarily sourced from the North Bridge and Three Corners sections of our own Hop Kiln Estate. The fruit was hand-picked, and night harvested the last week of August 2017. Each lot was sorted into one-ton fermenters and allowed to cold soak for five days before fermentation. During fermentation, the bins were gently punched twice a day to extract color, flavor and tannin. At dryness, the free-run wine is drained into French oak barrels (33% new) where it ages ten months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Grand Detour Pinot Noir, has medium ruby/purple core, slightly lighter at the rim with beautiful aromatics of ripe dark cherry, berry and pomegranate fruit with vanilla and cinnamon barrel spice, leather, autumn leaves and subtle camphor notes. On the palate it is moderate to full bodied showing a layered core of black and red fruit and baking spice on entry with savory tobacco, leather and black tea surrounded by firm tannins as the mid palate evolves. The finish lingers with ripe dark fruit and sweet spice balanced with savory dried leaf elements and balanced acidity. .

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

With the ability to age five or more years, the 2017 Grand Detour is rich and complex that pairs well with pan fried veal chops with an herb and wild mushroom sauce.

WINERY HISTORY

Nestled at the base of the Mayacamas Mountains in the Sonoma Valley, Landmark Vineyards epitomizes the rustic grace and beauty of Sonoma County. Since 1974, Landmark has been dedicated to producing handcrafted, ultra-premium Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, sourcing grapes from unique vineyard sites throughout California to create rich, balanced wines.

TASTING NOTES BY JIM GERAKARIS, SOMMELIER AND
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