

Landmark Vineyards

2017 OVERLOOK PINOT NOIR



VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	65% Monterey County, 18% Santa Barbara County, 17% Sonoma County
BARREL REGIME	French oak aged for 10 months (25% new)
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2018
RELEASE DATE	February 2019
ALCOHOL	14.6%

VINEYARD NOTES

The 2017 Overlook Pinot Noir represent another splendid blend from some of California's best cool climate growing regions in Monterey, Santa Barbara and Sonoma Counties. Greg Stach's expertise in selecting the finest parcels for this blend coupled with our growers' meticulous viticultural practices yielded truly exceptional fruit for this warmer than average vintage. A prolonged 10-day heat event required careful farming practices to irrigate judiciously for vine longevity while not impacting fruit integrity or quality. Such dedication by our grower partners warranted hand harvesting at night with early morning deliveries to provide the purest expression of what this somewhat challenging vintage had to offer.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Harvest for the 2017 Overlook Pinot Noir started on August 24th with our own Hop Kiln Ranch in the Russian River. A lighter than average crop hastened ripening and our harvest was compressed into four weeks. All blocks are hand harvested, destemmed and allowed to macerate for five days before fermentation to gently extract color and skin tannin. At dryness, the wine is put into French Oak (25%) and allowed to age for 10 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Medium purple ruby color, with a medley of black and red cherry, ripe pomegranate, attractive baking spice with a crushed pink peppercorn accent. The palate is medium to full-bodied, fresh and lively with muddled strawberry, cherry and cola on entry with wild berry, rhubarb and a hint of saffras toward the mid palate. The finish shows sustained dark fruit and spice wrapped in silky tannins with a barely perceivable suggestion of lemon zest.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

Pair with a pork loin and cherry reduction, the 2017 Overlook Pinot Noir is also complimented by rich, triple cream cheeses such as Cowgirl Creamery Mt. Tam.

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

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