

# BLUE \* ROCK

## 2018 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast



### Vineyards

35% Cleary Ranch, 29% Roberts Road, 20% Grand Vent, 08% Stiling Vineyard, 08% Michael Valentine.

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes

A beautiful ruby color that could only belong to Pinot Noir radiates through the glass and the nose follows it right up in spades. A beguiling combination bright red cherry, fresh strawberry, freestone forest floor, earth, rose petals and savory herb aromas tell you immediately that this is a wine of complexity and precision. Cascading flavors of cherry, tart raspberry, cloves and gentle suggestions lightly sautéed wild mushrooms dance across the palate, light and vibrant, with wonderful tannins and great acidity offering structural support to the entire ensemble. This is why people go so crazy for coastal Pinot Noir!

### Food Affinities

With its captivating combination of fruit, spice, earth and herbs, this wine will enhance a wide variety of entrées such as salmon, duck, pork tenderloin or rack of lamb, whether they are accented with dried fruit and wild mushrooms or exotic and fragrant spices. Lighter than Cabernet Sauvignon, be sure the food is ready to dance with the wine rather than overpower it.

### Ageability

Approachable already, prime drinking may yet be a year away, so decant for an hour or so if you want to enjoy it right away. Otherwise, this Pinot Noir should evolve nicely for another 6-8 years, quite possibly longer, under the right cellar conditions.

### Technical Data

100% Pinot Noir  
100% Fermented in Small, Open-Top Stainless-Steel Tanks  
35% New French Oak  
14 Months in Barrel  
13.6% Alc.  
3.68 pH  
6.3 g/L TA  
Bottled: December 2019  
Released: April 2020