



LA FOLLETTE WINES

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE
WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2016 PINOT NOIR *Los Primeros*

THE VINEYARDS

California's first winegrowers were the Spanish missionaries who planted vines along the coast. Today, these same areas, just inland from the Pacific Ocean, produce California's most sought after Pinot Noir grapes. Our vineyards stretch from the cool Sonoma Coast to the verdant valleys of Monterey. Los Primeros—meaning “the first”—honors these winegrowing pioneers and continues the tradition of distinctive coastal wines.

THE VINTAGE

In 2016, we picked Sonoma County's Straquandanio Vineyard in three different passes to best capture the fruit at optimal ripeness. The younger vines were ready to be harvested before the heat of the first week of September, while the older vines that yield a spectrum of varietal flavor advanced ideally in the warmer temperatures. At Mission Ranch Vineyard in Monterey County, the crop yield was below average as a result of the preceding drought years and some winds during flowering. Minimal fruit drop and canopy thinning were required to bring ideal balance to the vines.

THE WINE

A wild bouquet of raspberry, chicory and tuberose plays against earthier notes of juniper berry and forest floor. With time in glass, warm sandalwood emerges. A soft entry transitions quickly to red plum and bright, fruity acidity. Supple tannins frame late-palate notes of oak spice, bark and tamari. An aromatically layered and inviting Pinot Noir; nuanced and satisfying.

WINEMAKING

100% Pinot Noir

62% Sonoma County & 38% Monterey County

Fermentation: all native primary and secondary ferments, matured in barrel,

5% new oak

Alc 13.5%

