



LA FOLLETTE

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2017 SUN CHASE PINOT NOIR

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

VINEYARD STORY

Planted on the west-facing hillside where the cool Petaluma Gap collides with Sonoma Mountain, this site overlooks a broad sweep of the county from the San Pablo Bay to north Santa Rosa. Our Pinot Noir block is just above the fog line in rocky soil. The growing season tends to be long and the weather not always so pleasant for humans but wonderful for grapes.

THE PLACE

Vineyard Size: 1.57 acres

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Soil Type: Goulding Cobbly Clay Loam

Elevation: 2000'

Clone: 777

Rootstock: 3309

Aspect: Northeast-Southwest

Spacing: 3.2' x 6'

Year Planted: 2007

WINEMAKING

Harvest Pick: September 1 and 5, 2017

Whole-cluster pressing

No sulphur added to juice prior to fermentation

100% native yeast primary fermentation

100% wild malolactic fermentation

Bottled: August 9, 2018

11 months in low toast, air-dry 3-year-old
French oak, 25% new

CHEMISTRY

ABV: 13.3 | pH: 3.62 | TA: 5.70

SENSORY

The first impression is the alluring color of red/violet implying freshness and concentration. This is also a strong indicator that vintage, vineyard, and winemaking are all working together. The aromatics are intensely pure and red-fruit driven with pleasant toasty oak layers. Anchoring the flavors is a mélange of bright fruit, raspberry, rhubarb, brambleberry, cherry compote, cherry pie as well as baking spices, a subtle smoked meat essence and a whisper of dried spearmint. This is a plump, juicy wine with depth of texture and a lively acidity. The tactile, grippy tannins make it mouthwatering and seductive. A most ageworthy wine - five to seven years (2024-2026) and maybe longer but who can wait? Enjoyable on its own or try with thick cut chops, roasted turkey with cranberries, slow-roasted king salmon with cherry tomatoes, your mother's favorite meatloaf recipe, or Cowgirl Creamery's Pierce Pt cheese.

CASES

289 | \$65

94+
POINTS

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

92+
POINTS

JEB DUNNUCK

