



LA FOLLETTE

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2017 HEINTZ PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

VINEYARD STORY

Charlie Heintz is the third generation of his family to farm this 50-acre vineyard. Near Occidental in one of the cooler sections of the Russian River Valley AVA, the growing season is longer intensifying the fruit flavors and adding to the depth of each wine.

THE PLACE

Vineyard Size: 2 acres

Soil Type: Golding Sandy Loam

Elevation: 900'

Clone: 115, Swan, Beringer

Rootstock: 3309, 5C, 420A

Aspect: North-South

Spacing: 5' x 8'

Year Planted: 1996

WINEMAKING

Harvest Pick: September 4, 2017

No sulphur added prior to fermentation

All clones co-fermented

100% native primary and secondary fermentation

Bottled: August 9, 2019

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

CHEMISTRY

ABV: 14.0 | pH: 3.62 | TA: 6.30

SENSORY

The vineyards in this region tend to deliver bright red fruit but this vintage reflects a nice mix of dark and red. There's the distinctive Russian River Valley cherry cola in the nose followed by baking spices, anise, and allspice. Flavors abound including cherry pie, red raspberry, currant with a bit of green, blueberry, and melting milk chocolate. Sipping it transports you to the sensory feeling of walking in the woods – the smells of coastal earthiness and forest floor. This Pinot Noir has an unctuous mid-palate with a lingering aftertaste. Delicious today and will hold well through 2024-2026.

CASES

217 | \$60



Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

