



LA FOLLETTE

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2018 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: 3.57 acres

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 7 and 12, 2018

Whole-cluster pressing

No sulphur added to juice prior to fermentation

100% native yeast primary fermentation

100% wild malolactic fermentation

Bottled: August 1, 2019

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

CHEMISTRY

ABV: 13.9 | pH: 3.55 | TA: 0.57

SENSORY

The wine's color transports you to Oz and Dorothy's ruby red slippers. Stunning. This remarkable vineyard never disappoints. Intense aromas and red-fruit flavors deliver a one-two punch that intoxicate. Along with raspberry, red cherry, and rhubarb, you'll encounter notes of graham crackers, black cherry cola, anise, menthol, saffron, and a faint whisper of cinnamon. There are no harsh edges and plenty of depth in this full-bodied, balanced Pinot Noir. It will definitely continue to reward you with time; five to seven years (2026-2028). Savor this with oven-baked (or roasted) turkey, yellowfin tuna, mushroom risotto, beef brisket on a bed of mashed potatoes, or lobster ravioli.

CASES

218 | \$65

