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LAZY CREEK VINEYARDS

PROPRIETORS DON & RHONDA CARANO

2016

PINOT NOIR

Anderson Valley

APPELLATION
Anderson Valley

VARIETAL
100% Pinot Noir

COOPERAGE
43% new French oak
57% older French oak

TASTING NOTES

This brand-new, 2016 Lazy Creek Vineyards Pinot Noir is a blend of grapes from our ranches in the Anderson Valley. Delicious and sustainably-farmed, this wine has aromas of spice, cola, plum blossom, black fruit, floral notes and graphite. The palate is rich and juicy with generous dark plum, acai and blueberry pie with cinnamon, clove and toast lingering on the finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

Peaceful and bucolic Anderson Valley, located just off the coastal region of Mendocino County, has warm, sunny days and cool, foggy mornings and nights that are ideal for growing grapes. The 2016 growing season started with a warm spring and some much needed rain. Bloom occurred in late May with a very bountiful set. Summer weather was ideal with few heat spikes and a mild August that allowed for ideal ripening. September brought warmer days and pushed the grapes to optimal ripeness. Harvest began mid-September and finished October 1.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The hand-harvested grapes are brought to the winery in macrobins where they are gently destemmed and transferred to small, stainless steel open-top fermentors or bins. After a three-day cold soak at 50 degrees Fahrenheit to optimize fruit aromas and flavors, various yeast strains are introduced for complexity. Fermentors are punched down one to three times per day. Wines are pressed when dry and then racked to barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. The final blend was assembled in July and bottled in August.

FOOD PAIRINGS

This Lazy Creek Vineyards Anderson Valley Pinot Noir is delicious paired with braised meats, fowl, veal, salmon, lobster and prawns. Medium-textured soups and stews are also complementary. For cheese pairings with our Pinot Noir, try Gruyère, Gouda, French chèvre, Comté, Edam or a light Cheddar.

WINE INFORMATION

Bottled: August 2017, Alcohol/pH/TA: 14.4%/3.68/0.63



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