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LAZY CREEK VINEYARDS

PROPRIETORS DON & RHONDA CARANO

2016

ESTATE PINOT NOIR

Anderson Valley

APPELLATION
Anderson Valley

VARIETAL
100% Pinot Noir

COOPERAGE
60% new French oak
40% older French oak

TASTING NOTES

Located just off the coastal region of Mendocino County, peaceful and bucolic Anderson Valley has warm, sunny days, foggy mornings and cool nights that create the ideal microclimate for producing the Lazy Creek Vineyards Estate Pinot Noir. This delicious, sustainably-farmed wine has aromas of spice, cola, plum blossom, floral notes and graphite. Dark fruit flavors of blueberry and black plum lead to a rich mid palate with notes of toast, pie crust, cinnamon and clove, followed by a lingering fruit finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

Our low-yielding vineyard of Pinot Noir grapes is comprised of Heritage and Dijon clones said to be one of the oldest vineyards in Anderson Valley. 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 for this Pinot Noir are fermented in macrobins and small, open-top tanks. 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

The Lazy Creek Vineyards Estate 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: 14.5%/3.62/0.57, Cases: 423



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