



**POSEIDON VINEYARD • 2016**

## Estate Pinot Noir

Carneros, Napa Valley

**TASTING NOTES:** Above the deep and gorgeous robe of color, our 2016 Estate Pinot Noir exhibits aromas of cherry and cola with hints of fruit, leather and undertones of plum. The wine is silky in texture. Focused black cherry flavors dance on the palate, and an elegant dash of vanilla sweetens the wine for a long, inviting finish. When young, this wine is best appreciated when decanted prior to serving.

**HISTORY:** Poseidon Vineyard, located at the confluence of Carneros Creek and the Napa River, was planted in 1973 by the Molnar Family to the Burgundian varietals: Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The maritime environment of the Carneros grape growing season delivers cool, foggy mornings followed by warm days that slowly nurture ripening.

**VINTAGE 2016:** 2016 growing conditions were ideal in many ways. California received much needed rains in the winter with an El Niño season. The parched earth finally received moisture needed to replenish lakes, rivers and ponds which ultimately ripen healthy crops. Better set conditions at flowering resulted in increased yield compared to the 2015 vintage, which was alarmingly low for many vineyards in Northern California. Cooler conditions throughout the summer slowed down the pace of growth, increasing hang-time, allowing the vines to focus on flavor development. The moderate autumn weather allowed for a measured pace in the cellar throughout the long harvest, making for easier logistics and a happy cellar crew.

**WINEMAKING:** Though painstaking, we harvested the three blocks of the hillside (top, skirt, bottom) separately, picking across the three Dijon clones: 115, 667, and 777. We kept the fermentation temperatures low to retain the fruit's liveliness. As soon as the fermentations were complete, the wines were pressed gently into 100% Kádár Tokaj oak, adding a signature spiciness to the blend that complements the fruit character. Racked only once before bottling, the result is a very pure, fruit-filled expression of Pinot Noir.

*Alex Beloz, Winemaker*

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**WINE**

**Blend**

100% Pinot Noir

**Cooperage**

100% Kádár Hungary  
9 Months in 25% New,  
Medium Toast Plus Barrels

**Chemistry**

pH: 3.84  
TA: 5.4 g/L  
Alcohol: 14.3%

**VINEYARD**

**Elevation**

Sea Level to 45'

**Clones**

115, 667 and 777

**Year Planted**

1973; Replanted in 1997

**Vine Spacing**

4' x 11'

**Yield**

2.75 Tons/Acre

**Harvest Date**

Sep 8, 2016–Sep 20, 2016