

Minus Tide

2017 Pinot Noir

Mariah Vineyard, Mendocino Ridge



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Tasting Notes: Savory and textural, this earthy Pinot Noir has notes of black tea, pomegranate, and rhubarb. With balanced, well-integrated acidity and soft tannins, the hallmark of this wine is its generous, supple texture. The wine has layers of whole-cluster spice and a subtle saline quality that is characteristic of this ocean-facing site.

The Vineyard: Mariah Vineyard - Mendocino Ridge AVA, Mendocino

Nicknamed "Islands in the Sky" for the ridgetops that sit above the fog line surrounded by a sea of clouds, the Mendocino Ridge Appellation is the only non-contiguous AVA in the U.S. Comprised of vineyards at elevations of at least 1,200 ft., this AVA consists of just around 18 vineyards. One of these unique sites is the Mariah Vineyard, the second-highest vineyard in Mendocino County. It is farmed by Dan Dooling and sits at 2,600 ft., overlooking the Pacific. The Pinot Noir has a deep concentration of flavor because the vineyard is dry farmed, and the site's coastal influence results in a long growing season and flavor development at moderate brix.

Winemaking: Native yeast. 35% whole-cluster fermentation in small, open-top fermenters. Aged in once- and twice-used French oak barrels for 14 months with regular lees stirring. Unfined and unfiltered.

Vintage: The warm growing season of 2017 led to early ripening and a condensed, early harvest. Moderate yields combined with warm weather led to wines with great intensity.

Technical Details:

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Clone: 115

pH: 3.70

TA: 5.5 g/L

Brix at harvest: 23

Alcohol: 13.5%

125 cases produced

SRP: \$42