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2017 Pinot Noir - John Sebastiano Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills AVA

Technical Data

Clone(s) - 100% Pommard 5, Block 27

Harvest - 22.0° brix on Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Élevage - 33% stem inclusion. 18 months in barrel. Racked on September 4, 2018.

Cooperage - Once-used Rousseau 228L and 500L puncheon, along with used Orion, Ermitage, Taransaud and Sylvain 228L barriques.

Bottling - 243 cases on March 20, 2019

TA - 5.10 g/L

pH - 3.83

ABV - 12.95%

Harvest and Bottle Notes

This 2017 vintage showed slightly lower yields in comparison to the previous crop, probably due to the wind and rain during bloom. Summer was mild and pleasant but a predicted (and subsequently real) heatwave with temps in high 90s followed by a tropical rainstorm was forecast for the last week of August into Labor Day. Thankfully such a temperate growing season allowed for steady physiological development at John Sebastiano and we brought the fruit in prior to the crazy conditions.

As a result, picking on the leaner side of ripeness, the finished wine retains racy acidity with fine-grain tannin. The bouquet is explosive, perfumed and floral, with notes of rose petal, peppermint candy and lavender. On the palate there is a melange of red fruit, driven by vibrant strawberry and cherry flavors, persistent earthy garrigue notes of sage and thyme, and a rounding out of fig marmalade on the finish.