



Moonshine Ranch Pinot Noir | Russian River Valley 2017

TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 Moonshine Ranch Pinot Noir has black cherry, blueberry and sweet anise aromas. Lush and juicy on the mouth with flavors of blackberry and dark red cherry.

GROWING YEAR

The growing season of 2017 stayed wet with spring rains and cooler temperatures, providing moist soil reserves through the summer. The summer had stretches of hot days throughout, especially over the Labor Day weekend, when harvest was at its peak. We were very lucky in October 2017 that the Tubbs Fire, which burned from Calistoga to Santa Rosa, stopped 1.5 miles from our properties. Across Sonoma County as well as in our vineyards, 95% of all wine grapes were already harvested and were not affected by the smoke from these devastating fires.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

This petite vineyard was planted in 1995 and 1996 at 2,500 vines per acre and is situated on rocky fertile ground with lots of exposed cobblestones. The rows are north/south oriented, which allows for indirect sunlight to have its effect on the even ripening clusters. Three Dijon clones were grafted onto rootstock to match climate behavior and the unique properties of each specific soil series. Moonshine Ranch is named for the century-old draughty barn on the property. The high raftered building stands as a relic for times of old, as its heyday was during the prohibition era, serving as a small factory for prune brandy.



2017 Vintage

- 93+ points Wine Advocate
- 95 points Vinous

2016 Vintage

- 94 points Wine Advocate
- 94 points Vinous

2015 Vintage

- 96 Vinous

Winemaker: Courtney Wagoner

Consulting Winemaker:
Erin Green

Case Production: 348