



LA FOLLETTE WINES

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE
WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2016

PINOT NOIR Heintz Vineyard

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

THE VINEYARD

A century-old family homestead fringed with redwoods, Heintz Ranch has been farmed by the Heintz family since 1912. The 50-acre vineyard is located in Occidental, considered to be a cooler portion of the Russian River Valley AVA. However, this site, located on an exposed ridge, experiences warmer temperatures in an otherwise cool region, producing wines that combine richness with tension. Heintz Vineyard is world renowned for the quality of fruit grown by 3rd generation farmer Charlie Heintz, who feels it is his responsibility to protect and nurture the land.

THE VINTAGE

At 900 feet elevation, La Follette's ridgetop blocks benefit from both the influence of the Pacific Ocean in the mornings, and the long, sunny afternoons. In 2016, the complementary trio of 115, Beringer, and Pommard clones were harvested and co-fermented to further the expression of terroir from this venerable site.

THE WINE

A complex bouquet of cherry, anise and redwood tips, complemented with earthy notes as the wine opens up in the glass. A silken texture on entry leads to a comingling of cranberry and dried floral notes on the palate. Hints of bay and resin, and a soft layer of tannins underpin the core of red fruit. This very complex Pinot Noir offers a balance of striking aromatics, an array of varietal flavors and a mouth-filling finish.

WINEMAKING

Harvest Date: September 8, 2016

100% Pinot Noir | 115, Beringer, Pommard

Fermentation: all native primary and secondary ferments, matured in barrel,
27% new oak

Alc. 13.7%

