



# LA FOLLETTE WINES

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE  
WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2016

## PINOT NOIR

Sun Chase Vineyard

*Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County*

### THE VINEYARD

Cool sunlight shines through Sun Chase Vineyard's fog-shrouded hillsides. From April to October, the breeze is a constant presence in the Petaluma Gap, keeping finicky Pinot Noir clusters fresh in the afternoon sun. Harvested from one of the site's coolest spots, a protected bowl of this hillside vineyard where the soil is rocky and the vines are naturally small. This Pinot Noir block yields exceptionally tiny clusters, bursting with flavor. With its climate heavily influenced by elevation, well drained soils and a cooling afternoon breeze, Sun Chase wines are renowned for their complexity and longevity.

### THE VINTAGE

The small clusters benefited from the mild summer, as they ripened evenly without sun damage. Timely shoot removal ventilated the canopy to counteract the high disease pressure present during the last half of the growing season. A light fruit thinning pass in August drove already light yields to perfect concentration.

### THE WINE

A beguiling bouquet of cherry, saffras bark, and cocoa, with a hint of lavender, continues to evolve with anise and pink peppercorn. The texture is silky on entry, with seamless tannins that arc with fresh acidity. The wine finishes with high-toned raspberry and vanilla bean. A delicately structured Pinot Noir that showcases both the aromatic potential of the variety and the fresh fruit profile of the Sonoma Coast.

### WINEMAKING

Harvest Date: September 9, 2016

100% Pinot Noir | 777

Fermentation: all native primary and secondary ferments, matured in barrel,  
33% new oak

Alc. 13.1%

