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## 2017 MacRostie Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir



**ORIGIN:** The grapes for this Pinot Noir came from a who's who of iconic cool-climate Pinot Noir vineyards in the famed Sonoma Coast region. The blend includes grapes from our Thale's Estate Vineyard in the heart of the Russian River Valley and Dutton Ranch in Green Valley of Russian River Valley. We also worked with vineyards further south and east in the Carneros region, Champlin Creek, Roger's Creek and Sangiacomo Vineyards. Due to the cool coastal influences that shape the climate at all of these vineyards, they produce amazing Pinot Noir. At the same time, the diversity of these sites creates the foundation for complex aromatics and beautifully layered flavors in the final blend.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** The 2017 vintage followed a cool, very wet winter. The soils were moist and rich, which required extra meticulous care with cover crop management and canopy management. There was a heat spike at the end of August which prompted us to pick most of the vineyards in early September. Fruit came in clean and healthy and by mid-September everything was picked and fermenting in the winery.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** The majority of these grapes were destemmed into small-lot fermenters to capture the uniqueness of each site. About 20% of our fruit was fermented with whole clusters to add fruit aromas and rich complexity to the final wine. Following a two-week fermentation, the lots were drained from the skins and put into French oak barrels to age for ten months. 27% new oak was used during aging to accentuate the structure and color of the wine, without overwhelming the delicate aromas of this fine coastal Pinot Noir. We bottled August 15th, 2018.

**TASTING NOTES:** Opulent in the glass, this wine has a garnet color and ripe black currant aromas. The palate is dynamic and bright, with vibrant flavors of plum, baking spice and cocoa underscored by a firm, acid-driven structure and fine dusty tannins that carry through to a lingering finish.

This vintage produced 3,884 (750 ml) cases, 164 Barrels.  
Alcohol percentage: 14.5%