



2016 Pinot Noir *Terra de Promissio*



ORIGIN: Terra de Promissio, or “Land of Promise,” is the realization of the Karren family’s dream to build a home and raise their family on a site where they grow world-class grapes. Located near Petaluma, amid postcard-perfect rolling hills, their vineyard has attracted the attention of several esteemed winemakers. Located in the Sonoma Coast Terra de Promissio’s Pinot Noir is heavily influence by the Pacific Ocean, and the winds that come in from the Petaluma Gap.

VINEYARD NOTES: The 2016 vintage started out with an early bud break followed by a warm growing season. Just when we were about to start picking, we had a cool spell in late August. This helped slow things down and spread out the harvest. The grapes for our Terra de Promissio Pinot Noir came from two blocks of the vineyard, one planted to Clone 777, and the other with Clone 115. All of the grapes were harvested by hand in the cool early morning hours of September 14th, 2016.

WINEMAKING NOTES: The fruit was gently destemmed into small open-top fermenters, using state-of-the-art equipment and procedures to avoid any pumping of must. Inoculation with select yeast strains followed a three-day cold soak, and the caps were managed with a combination of pump-overs and punch-downs. Blending fruit from two different areas of the vineyard gives this wine depth and complexity. Because of its exceptional structure and richness, this particular blend was aged over vintage for 14 months in French oak barrels, with 13% new oak, and 62% one-year-old barrels. The extra barrel age helped the wine to develop additional complexity while rounding out the palate. It was bottled on Valentine’s Day, 2018.

TASTING NOTES: The 2016 Terra de Promissio Pinot Noir has an exotic bouquet reminiscent of dried flowers, black pepper spice and tart cherry. The entry is supple and fresh, with abundant lush fruit that glides to a remarkably long, elegant finish.

This vintage produced 16 barrels, 399 (9L) cases