

## 2016 JAX PINOT NOIR

**CALESA VINEYARD, SONOMA COAST** Our burgundian style pinot noir coats the tongue with plum, fig, overripe cherries, and a touch of oak. Seductive and focused, this wine offers a lingering suppleness and elegant earthy character through the finish. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, this wine will shine over the next 6-7 years.

### THE STORY BEHIND THIS WINE

Named after its once pedestrian purpose, the vineyard was named “Calesa” meaning stagecoach in Spanish. Long ago this site, featuring expansive views of the Pacific, served as a resting stop for horse drawn carriages. Located in the newly minted Petaluma Gap AVA, Calesa vineyard sits in the “wind gap” or coastal mountain opening where direct coastal wind and cooler temperatures provide optimal growing conditions for Pinot Noir. The salty maritime wind and afternoon fog whisk in a chill that results in smaller grapes, thicker skins and a longer hang time. These factors nurture more concentrated flavor compounds. Worthy of our single vineyard JAX estate label, our Calesa pinot noir is aged for 18 months in new and 2nd year old French oak.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 growing seasons was mild and modern resulting in firm berries and healthy skins. This combination resulted in vivid, deep flavors, and excellent freshness. The 2016 vintage is pure, and concentrated reflecting lovely acidity. The lack of heat spikes kept all sugar levels and phenolic maturity in sync while the ripening progressed gradually.

Our fruit is hand-harvested into small bins in the early morning to protect the fruit and preserve freshness. The grapes are hand sorted and partially de-stemmed before being placed in small open top fermenters. Following a 7 day cold soak period and 10-12 day fermentation the wine is aged 18 months in 40% new and 60% 2nd year French oak barrels.

### SPECIFICATIONS

#### PROPRIETORS

Kimberly, Trent Jackson  
& Dan Parrott

#### WINEMAKER

Kirk Venge

#### BLEND COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

#### BARRELS PRODUCED

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#### APELLATION

Petaluma Gap,  
Sonoma Coast

#### ALCOHOL

14.1%

