



2016 Waugh Cellars Russian River Pinot Noir

Harvest Date: September 8, 2016

Brix: 23.3

Ph: 3.73

Alcohol: 13.9%

Production: 100 Cases

The 2016 vintage was an excellent growing season and it started out as the previous four vintages with a warm and dry winter. The main difference in this growing season was cooler temperatures in late February and increasing rain in March. The net result was a slightly longer vegetative cycle, a slower grape maturation cycle, and therefore a later harvest compared to 2015. These events allowed for perfect maturation of the grape tannins and flavor development. Temperatures after fruit set were normal.

Overall, the wines from the 2016 vintage exhibit wonderfully polished tannins due to the long and slow grape maturation on the vine.

Youthful and exuberant on the nose, notes of plum and berry mixed with vanilla and wood spices. Hints of purple flowers combined with orange rind are offset by elements of cedar and herbs complete the wonderfully complex nose. In the mouth, this wine showcases plum and currant flavors with meaty notes in the background. Minerals and earthiness round out the finish on this beautiful expression of Pinot Noir.

Cheers!