



## 2017 Waugh Cellars Russian River Pinot Noir

Harvest Date: August 30, 2017

Brix: 23.8

Ph: 3.58

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production: 230 Cases

The 2017 growing season overall exhibited classic wine county weather. The year began with abundant rainfall, followed by a mild Spring resulting in a longer flowering period with little shatter (mean we got nice full grape clusters). A Labor Day weekend heatwave kicked harvest into high gear, then cool weather allowed sugar levels to return to normal. By September 25<sup>th</sup> all of our grapes had been harvested and we put the last wines to barrel on October 5<sup>th</sup>. When fierce winds fueled an unprecedented firestorm starting on October 8 (which happens to be my birthday), our 2017 babies were already resting peacefully in barrels. The 2017 wines should not be defined by the Firestorms, but as a vintage of finesse, great complexity of flavor and incredible elegance, which is exactly what Waugh strives for.

Overall, the wines from the 2017 vintage exhibit wonderfully polished tannins and mouth feel due to the long and slow grape maturation on the vine. You will find a deep richness in the feel of the wine on the palate.

The 2017 Waugh Pinot Noir has a gregarious nose of sliced blueberry, fresh strawberries and turned earth along with dried rose petal. Very concentrated and dense fruit layers, it has soft, very fine-grained tannins and juicy acidity on the finish.

ENJOY!

Cheers!