

KELLER ESTATE

Over 30 years ago, our family began producing organically farmed Estate wine to capture the distinct soil, topography, and climate our property. This terroir-driven philosophy enables us to guide the process from vine to bottle, creating beautifully balanced and expressive wines with a true sense of place.

2018 LA CRUZ VINEYARD ESTATE PINOT NOIR PETALUMA GAP



HARVEST DATE:

September 14-19, 2018

PH: 3.55

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.79 g/L

ALCOHOL: 14.13%

COOPERS AND AGE:

25% New French Oak
LeRoi, Cadus

BOTTLING DATE:

July 25, 2019

CASES: 263

SRP: \$55

VINTAGE – VINEYARD

The 2018 vintage started with a cool spring, with fruit set being consistent. The moderate summer temperatures, with very few heat spikes, gave us a perfect ripening season. This ideal weather allowed us to harvest each block at our perfect ripeness, with excellent flavor development and the natural acidity just right. The long growing season gave us wines with great structure and concentration.

The ancient seabed of the San Pablo Bay is mineral rich, clay soils that define La Cruz Vineyard. Twenty acres are planted to pinot noir, in distinct blocks where Pommard, 828, 667, 777, 114 and 115 clones are planted. Typical to this vineyard is a pronounced bright acidity and signature spice notes.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was harvest over several cold nights and arrived immediately at the winery where it is hand sorted and fully de-stemmed. The whole berries had a 5-day cold soak and then fermented using native yeast until dry. Afterward, it is transferred to barrels where it underwent secondary fermentation. Racked only once for bottling and filtered. The backbone of this wine is the Pommard clone and selected barrels of 667, 777 and 828. We used a Nomacorc 300 closure with a specific medium oxygen ingress rate, allowing for a slow but steady aging in the bottle. It is a plant-based closure with a carbon neutral footprint, aligning with our mission.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 La Cruz Pinot Noir shows bright and penetrating deep garnet color with lilac, rose petal, red cherry, and a dust of cocoa powder aromas. The wine exhibits lovely mouthfeel and texture with a complexity of Bing cherry, cranberry, and juicy strawberry/rhubarb, followed by a balanced and lengthy finish.