

# 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.

## 2017 LA CRUZ VINEYARD ESTATE PINOT NOIR PETALUMA GAP



**HARVEST DATE:**

September 14-19, 2017

**PH:** 3.65

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.48 g/L

**ALCOHOL:** 14.4%

**COOPERS AND AGE:**

LeRoi, Cadus, Remond,  
BelAir, Radoux, Billon,  
Cadus, Billon, Ermitage

**BOTTLING DATE:**

July 25, 2018

**CASES:** 215

**SRP:** \$50

### VINTAGE – VINEYARD

The 2017 Vintage started promising, with a significant amount of rain during the winter months, ending a 5-year drought cycle and refilling water reservoirs. The season progressed with ideal growing conditions through bud break, flowering and summer maturity. The optimal extended season sped up in August and September with a heat wave arriving over Labor Day Weekend. Temporal weather ensued which allowed for our estate pinot noir to ease into the final stages of ripening and matured beautifully going into cooler temperatures of mid-September to early October.

The ancient sea-bed 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 in the cold nights over several 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 and, 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.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2017 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.