
Vineyard:	100% Stone Corral Edna Valley, Dijon clones 115, 667, 777 & Wädenswil 2a
Harvest:	August 19-31 2016
Fermentation:	12% whole cluster, 88% de-stemmed into 2.5 ton and 4.5 ton open top tanks
Oak:	25% new French oak barrels, 75% 1-3 year old French oak barrels
Alcohol:	13.4%
pH:	3.53
Titrateable Acidity:	6.07g/L
Bottling:	720 Cases, August 10, 2017
Suggested Retail:	\$38

Stone Corral Vineyard is our Estate vineyard, which we planted in 2001. The vineyard is planted exclusively to several Pinot Noir clones and rootstocks covering a rolling southeast facing hillside in the Edna Valley.

The Edna Valley is located in the South Central Coast of California a few miles southeast of the town of San Luis Obispo. The valley spans in an East-West orientation and is open to the Pacific Ocean to the West; it lies in Southern California at 35 degrees latitude and therefore receives lots of sunlight from a “directly overhead” sun. The climate is strongly influenced by regular summer-time afternoon cool breezes from the ocean.

The 2016 growing season was generally cool. Although the drought continued through 2016, there was a significant amount of rainfall prior to budbreak, 18 inches, and the vines responded positively with healthy shoot growth and moderate yields. Like 2015, this marks a very early start of harvest, August 19, and an early finish of harvest on August 31. The yields in 2016 were low at 2 tons/acre.

Classic Burgundian methods of winemaking were used in making this wine; open top stainless steel fermenters, punch downs by hand, indigenous yeast and bacteria, pressed with a modern stainless steel basket press, aged in French oak barrels and put into bottle without filtration.



Dark, deep magenta in color. Bing cherry pie/compote, cassis, black tea, bittersweet chocolate, cardamom. This is an exquisitely clean expression of Pinot Noir fruit in its purest form. Structured and youthful on the palate, medium body with nice berry tannins. Lingering structured, textural finish with lasting flavors of cherry or plum. One of our best efforts from Stone Corral Vineyard.
