

2018

## PINOT NOIR, ARÊTE

EDNA VALLEY —STONE CORRAL VINEYARD

2 Barrels Produced | Bottled on January 20, 2020

**Suggested Retail:** \$80

### VINEYARD

The 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 AVA. In 2018 we chose our best two barrels for our Arête Pinot Noir.

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 a Northwest to Southeast 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 intense sunlight from a “directly overhead” sun. The climate is strongly influenced by regular summer-time afternoon cool breezes from the ocean.

### VINTAGE

The Edna Valley experienced a very cool 2018 season and harvest. In terms of growing degree days (GDD) 2018 accumulated 2,406 GDD, putting it in a cool region one category. During the spring and summer, we had day after day of moderate temperatures peaking just into the low 70s. There were only a few atypical days in July and August with temperatures in the 90s. Furthermore, the harvest weather was ideal with consistent mild temperatures. We had the luxury to bring in fruit at a manageable pace, at ideal sugar and acid levels, over the duration of the long harvest season, starting in early September.

### Vineyard:

Stone Corral Vineyard, Edna Valley.  
100% Block 5, Dijon Clone 667.

### Harvest:

Harvested and sorted by hand at night September 15, 2018

### Fermentation:

100% de-stemmed into 4.5-ton open top refrigerated fermentation tanks.

### Aging:

Aged 16 months – 50% new *Tonn. Tremeaux*,  
50% once and twice used French oak barrels.  
Non-fined and non-filtered.

<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>pH:</b>	<b>T.A.:</b>
13.5%	3.73	5.33g/L



### TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby purple hued wine, transparent. Aromas of rose petals, dried cherries, hint of vanilla and nutmeg from the oak. Youthful energy on the palate, velvety mid-palate, fine tannins and a nice core of small red fruit flavors. A powerful wine with balance, elegance, and a wonderful Pinot Noir fruit expression.