

2018

## PINOT NOIR, STONE CORRAL VINEYARD

EDNA VALLEY

118 Cases | Bottled on January 21, 2020

### VINEYARD

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 2016 we chose five of our best barrels for our Stone Corral Vineyard 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  
 20% Block 1, Wädenswil clone 2a  
 40% Block 5, Wädenswil 2a  
 40% Block 5, Dijon clone 667

### Harvest:

Harvested and sorted by hand at night, Sept 12 & 15, 2018.

### Fermentation:

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

### Aging:

Aged 17 months – 40% new French oak barrels, 60% once and twice filled French oak barrels.

Non-fined and lightly filtered

<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>pH:</b>	<b>T.A.:</b>
13.7%	3.63	5.92g/L



### TASTING NOTES

Super deep ruby red, clear and densely colored. Raspberry, nutmeg,...really yummy palate, lush mid-palate, fine mouth filling tannins, soft acidity and long lingering Pinot Noir flavors. It has a well-defined structure of fine tannins and acidity with a core of fruit richness. Balanced, pure fruit expression, refined palate.