

BlueFarm

2016 Pinot Noir, 1861 Vineyard, Sonoma Valley

Case Production: 46 / **SRP:** \$95.00

This vineyard is named both for its street address and coincidentally for the year in which Agoston Haraszthy was appointed by California's governor to "promote the improvement and growth of the grapevine" in the state.

The 1861 vineyard is planted on a plateau in the hills, a thousand feet above the Sonoma Plaza. Less than half an acre, the small site divides itself naturally into two blocks, one rockier than the other. The site is planted to the Pommard clone and on 101-14 rootstock with a narrow spacing of 4' x 5'. Marine influence from both the Pacific Ocean and San Pablo Bay, combined with frequently with foggy mornings, allow the delicate pinot noir grapes to thrive in this rugged hillside setting.

Closest Town: Downtown Sonoma

AVA: Sonoma Valley

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Planted: 2008

Clone(s): Pommard

Rootstock: 101-14

Soil Type: Rocky loam

Aspect: Southern

Row Orientation: South/North

The Vintage

The 2016 vintage was eerily reminiscent of 2014; in fact, 2016 is almost an exact replica of 2014. Bud-break was early as was flowering, resulting in an earlier harvest, and we once again began picking Chardonnay in August, and finished by the third week of September. While 2016 was the last of five straight drought years, we did receive average or slightly above average rain during the winter of 2015/16, so the soils were saturated and water was not an issue, allowing for even vegetative growth. There was a little bit of rain throughout the spring, which refreshed the soils, but none in the critical late summer and early fall months that would affect picking decisions. Thus, by the time rain arrived in mid-October all of our Pinot Noir and Chardonnay was already off the vines. – Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2016

Harvest Date: September 2nd

Harvest Brix: 26.2

Harvest pH: 3.81

Harvest TA: 4.0

Days in Tank: 12 days

Type of Tank: Open top stainless steel

Barrel Program: 100% New Atellier, Cadus

Bottling Date: March 2018

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.1

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Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 30-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the highest quality.

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