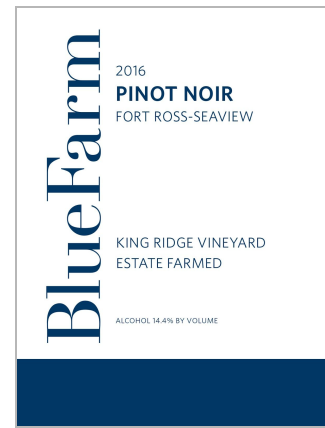


2016 Pinot Noir, King Ridge Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview

Case Production: 257 / **SRP:** \$85.00

King Ridge vineyard is tucked away on the northwestern reach of the Sonoma Coast. The AVA is Fort Ross-Seaview. At 1100 feet elevation and 5 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean, King Ridge Vineyard is worth a journey. We are excited to be working with 2 acres of this spectacular vineyard. Tightly spaced vines on Goldridge soil, superbly farmed, create wines that have tension and richness, balance and edginess.



Closest Town: Cazadero

AVA: Fort Ross - Seaview

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Planted: Early 2000s

Clone(s): Pommard & Bacigalupi

Rootstock: 420 A & 3309

Soil Type: Goldridge Soil

Aspect: Pommard/ East Sloping & Baccigalupi
East Sloping

Row Orientation: East

The Vintage

The 2016 vintage was eerily reminiscent of 2014. In fact, 2016 is almost an exact replica of 2014. Thus it was no surprise that bud-break was early for the third successive vintage. This naturally resulted in an earlier harvest, and we once again began picking Chardonnay in August, and finished by the third week of September. As always we started with the Baccigalupi block 7 and waited another 10 days for the Pommard in block 30 to ripen. 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. 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 13th & 22nd

Harvest Brix: 26.5

Harvest pH: 3.52

Harvest TA: 5.5

Days in Tank: 19 days

Type of Tank: Open top stainless steel

Barrel Program: 75% New Atellier, Cadus, Remond,
Francois Freres

Bottling Date: April 2018

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.4

Case Production: 257

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Blue Farm

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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