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2018 PINOT NOIR
SILVER EAGLE
SONOMA COAST AVA

- Release Date:** January, 2022
- Production:** 4 Barrels
- Varietal:** 100% Pinot Noir
- Vineyard:** Silver Eagle Vineyard,
Sonoma Coast AVA, Sonoma County
- Winemaking:** Justin and Seana Stephens, Proprietors
Kirk Venge, Winemaker
- Cooperage:** Aged for 16 months in both French and American oak, 50% new.
- Vintage Notes:** As vintages go, 2018 was joyously tranquil. From the start in early February and through the mild weather of the Spring flowering season, nature cooperated in exactly the ways desired for an ideal grape set. As summer continued, we saw relatively few heat spikes and slow, but steady progress in the vineyards which lead to extended hang times. While calm, 2018 was a marathon for winemaking as it required extended focus on the needs of each individual vineyard site well beyond the average year. Happily, this attention was rewarded with beautiful wines across our portfolio.
- Vineyard Notes:** The Silver Eagle vineyard, owned and farmed by the Valdez family, sits in the Green Valley, a small sub-appellation within the Sonoma Coast AVA. Being about 9 miles from the coast itself, this is an ideal location for growing Pinot Noir as it benefits from very moderate and predictable temperature swings thanks to the effects of the coastal fog, while being inland enough that the fog retreats and it still receives several hours of warming sun every afternoon. This interchange allows us to preserve balance and acidity while reaching our desired ripeness and thus density of flavor.
- Tasting Notes:** On the nose, abundant notes of Bing cherry and summer raspberry mingle with hints of rose petals, Earl Grey tea and fresh cedar box. On the palate, the red fruit is abundant and extends well through the finish, which is balanced by hints of blood orange, cardamom, integrated acidity and a whisp of delicate tannin.
- Aging Advice:** This Pinot Noir is showing beautiful balance at release, so enjoy readily after 1-2 hours of open time. Like all 2018's we expect this wine to remain vibrant for years to come so for those wishing to cellar, feel free to hold for 5-7 years.