

Siduri, named for the Babylonian goddess of wine, specializes in cool-climate Pinot Noir from growing regions across California and Oregon. Winemaker Adam Lee's constant pursuit of Pinot perfection has led to long-standing relationships with top growers in premier appellations from Oregon's Willamette Valley to California's Santa Barbara County.



## 2016 PINOT NOIR VAN DER KAMP VINEYARD

The Van der Kamp Vineyard has been in our vineyard portfolio since 1996, making it one of our longest standing sources. On the Western side of Sonoma Mountain, the vines are directly in the line of the fog and winds coming in off the Pacific Ocean and in through the Petaluma Gap. This allows our average harvest dates at Van der Kamp to be virtually the same as those on the far Sonoma Coast.

AROMATICS: Earthy, Savory, Bright Red Fruit

PALATE: Bright red cherry and pomegranate. Fine grained tannins with focused finish.

ALCOHOL: 14.1% | TA: .58 | PH: 3.52

AGING: 40% new French oak for 9 months

CLONES: 23, 777, 828, Pommard

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage was a surprise vintage for Siduri. It was yet another year of drought and, after the tiny 2015 crop, we expected 2016 to be another small crop. Instead the 2016 vintage yielded a slightly larger than normal crop of outstanding Pinot Noir clusters. The vintage was an earlier ripener with harvest commencing in mid-August. Fortunately, the weather never turned too hot, and the grapes that we harvested were of fantastic quality. Wine writer Antonio Galloni said this about the vintage, "Simply put, 2016 is one of the most consistently brilliant and alluring young vintages I have ever tasted in Sonoma."

## WINEMAKING NOTES

Moderate yields and mild September weather provided a crop with ripe, fleshy tannins and aromatic finesse. The lack of weather events during harvest allowed the different clonal blocks to be picked in four separate passes, so that peak maturity was reached on all clones. The 2016 blend shows the classic earthy and savory aromatics that Van der Kamp is known for, as well as bright cherry and pomegranate, all framed by fine-grained tannins which focus the flavors on the finish. We utilized about 33% stem inclusion in the fermentation to add backbone and lift aromatics. The wine was aged in 40% new French oak barrels and then bottled un-fined, unfiltered.

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