



Siduri, named for the Babylonian goddess of wine, specializes in cool-climate Pinot Noir from growing regions across California and Oregon. Our winemakers' 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.



2017 PINOT NOIR PARSONS' VINEYARD

The Parsons Vineyard is in the Santa Rosa Plain section of the Russian River Valley. This area is just west of the winery and is characterized by compact soils full of clay and rather flat topography. None of which sounds particularly great for high quality Pinot Noir. However, over the years the Parsons Vineyard has seemingly defied our preconceived notions and produced one of our top Pinot Noirs virtually every vintage. The 2017 vintage is no exception as it has once again provided us with one of the more compelling examples of classic Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. Now younger, vertical-shoot positioned vines, the contours of the land, and the outstanding quality of the wine that is produced from it, remains.

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

AROMATICS: Dark cherry, cardamom, orange zest

PALATE: Red and black cherry, cola

ALCOHOL: 14.5% | **TA:** 0.6 | **PH:** 3.63

CLONES: 777, Pommard, 115

VINTAGE NOTES

California's 2017 harvest wrapped up early following summer heat spurts and a growing season that saw significant rain throughout the state ending a five-year drought. While wildfires in the North Coast made international headlines, the state's vineyards and wineries were not significantly affected. Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino counties grow 12% of California's wine grapes and almost 90% of the harvest was already picked and in production at wineries before the fires. The growing season began with rainfall that refilled reservoirs and replenished soils. Harvest began early at a normal pace in many regions and then progressed rapidly during a heat wave in late August, early September. Many regions reported reduced yields due to the heat spell, but vintners reported strong quality for the 2017 vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Parsons Vineyard is in the Santa Rosa Plain section of the Russian River Valley is an early budding and early to harvest site. The 2017 vintage was kind to this vineyard, as it was picked prior to the heat waves that year. The wine is anchored by the 777 clone that provides loads of freshness, backed by whole-cluster fermented Pommard clone and fully destemmed 115. The Parsons vineyard has been a staple of the Siduri lineup since 2007 and the 2017 vintage is one of the finest bottlings to date.

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