



SAINTSBURY

2017 PRATT VINEYARD SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD

In the mid-90s, Jim Pratt, a vineyard manager to some of the most respected wineries in the Sonoma Coast and Russian River, went looking for a property to call his own. Jim explored Sebastopol, where apple farms were being converted to vineyard. Here, he found an ideal site south of Graton and west of Sebastopol: a 10 acre hillside location sitting on Goldridge soils with the perfect mix of cool weather — fog and wind — and early afternoon sunshine to produce vibrant high acid fruit. In 2000, Jim acquired the neighboring propriety and planted an additional 7 acres.

Appellation: Sonoma Coast

Clones: 39% Pommard, 39% Dijon 828, 22% Clone 23

Terroir: Goldridge soil series, which is well-drained and highly erodible, with poor nutrients forcing vines to struggle thus delivering dense fruit clusters. Overall climate is cool, foggy and sometimes windy; however, with enough sunshine to produce fruit with intense color and flavors.

VINTAGE 2017

A cold off-season with plentiful rainfall led into a warmer spring. Summer continued with warmer weather, leading to steady ripening through the end of the growing season.

Harvest Dates: 9/4, 9/9, 9/12

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit travels before sunrise to Saintsbury. Each block remains separate and receives gentle handling starting at the sorting table through to the 4 ton open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak.

Aging: 11 months in 18% new French Oak.

Alcohol: 14.3%

Case Production: 421

93 points – *Wine Enthusiast*

TASTING NOTES

Sour cherry, boysenberry, kola nut and fresh herbs on the nose. Rhubarb and ripe cherry on the palate are met with bright acid and extend into a lengthy finish.

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2016 LEE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR CARNEROS, NAPA



VINEYARD

Considered a quintessential Carneros AVA vineyard site, Lee Vineyard was planted in 1967 by Ira and Shirley Lee. Saintsbury's relationship with the Lee family formed in 1982 and that relationship was instrumental to the replanting of the vineyard, which took place in the 1990s and early 2000s with Dijon, Pommard and Swan clones.

Appellation: Carneros, Napa

Clones: 40% Swan, 30% Dijon 115, 30% Pommard

Terroir: Haire clay loam soil; exposure to the Petaluma wind gap and San Pablo Bay airstreams, creating temperate growing conditions.

VINTAGE 2016

An off season with more rainfall than recent years led us into a warm spring. A cool summer was followed by a mild finish to the growing season causing the final ripening to happen at a steady rate and the quality of the grapes to be very high.

Harvest Dates: 9/6 – 9/15

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit from the Lee Vineyard has a short distance to travel—a quarter mile down the road to Saintsbury. From there, each block remains separate and receives gentle handling from the sorting table to small open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak, 11 day total cuvaision. This is a site that requires cautious and gentle extraction regime for balanced tannins and bright acidity.

Aging: 11 months in 30% new French oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.4%

Case Production: 459

95 points – *Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine*

TASTING NOTES

Dark fruit, kola nut, and spice fill out the nose. Succulent black cherry and plum dominate on the palate with layers of cigar tobacco and cardamom. Great acidity and depth.

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