



SAINTSBURY

2017 DONNELLY CREEK ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR



VINEYARD

Hailing from Coombsville in the Napa Valley, Mary Elke moved to Anderson Valley with her husband and children in 1990, to plant and cultivate the Donnelly Creek Vineyard. Primarily planted to Pinot Noir, and a small amount of Chardonnay and Pinot Gris, Donnelly Creek is perfectly suited for cool climate varieties: a protective marine layer of fog that burns off mid-day, giving way to sunshine, and returning in the evening to protect the vines from freezing temperatures.

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Clones: 72% Pommard, 28% Stang Selection

Terroir: Located west of downtown Boonville, 50 acres planted vineyards that sits on clay loam soil by the creek bed.

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: 9/8, 9/11, 9/28

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit from the Donnelly Creek Vineyard travels to Saintsbury. From there, each block remains separate and receives gentle handling starting on the sorting table and to the open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak.

Aging: 11 months in 17% new French oak

Alcohol: 13.5%

Case Production: 437

93 points *Wine Enthusiast*

TASTING NOTES

Aroma opens with dark plum and briar, with lingering floral and spice notes. A dense entry of dark cherry, bittersweet chocolate, spice and chanterelle.

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Appellation: Anderson Valley

Clones: 76% Pommard, 24% Stang Selection

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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: 8/31, 9/7, 9/13

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting, the fruit from the Donnelly Creek Vineyard travels to Saintsbury. From there, each block remains separate and receives gentle handling starting on the sorting table and to the open top fermenters for 5 day cold soak.

Aging: 11 months in 20% new French oak

Alcohol: 13.5%

Case Production: 444

TASTING NOTES

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