



# SAINTSBURY

## 2017 SUNDAWG RIDGE VINEYARD GREEN VALLEY – RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR



### VINEYARD

In 1994, Nancy Winn and Chuck Kensler retired from their lives in Palo Alto and were ready to start the next chapter, which would take place on their 10 acre apple orchard in Green Valley of the Russian River Valley. A trifecta of events – meeting and taking a class from vineyard manager Jim Pratt, the fall out of the apple market and embracing their innate love for hard work – launched Nancy and Chuck as premium grape growers. Planted exclusively to Pinot Noir in 2000 and sustainably farmed, Sundawg Ridge Vineyard has become an exceptional site that produces fruit with incredible depth and *sous bois* qualities.

Appellation: Green Valley – Russian River

Clones: 74% Pommard, 26% Dijon 115/Calera cofermentation

*Terroir*: 240 feet elevation sitting above morning fog, rolling hills with mineral-rich Goldridge soil. 12 miles from the Pacific ocean and often referred to as the banana belt, benefiting from excellent sun exposure.

### 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: 8/29, 9/1

### 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 22% new French Oak.

Alcohol: 14.1%

Case Production: 459

### TASTING NOTES

Red and black cherry are balanced with forest floor and briar notes, while balanced acidity complement a full midpalate with flavors of earth and light brown spice.

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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: 8/26, 9/7

### 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 20% new French Oak.

Alcohol: 14.5%

Case Production: 389

### TASTING NOTES

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