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## PINOT NOIR MENDOCINO COLLECTION

Vintage | 2017

### HISTORY



Sketchbook Mendocino Collection is an expression of the real people, places, and tastes of Mendocino County, Northern California—a region celebrated for its wild natural beauty, free-spirited culture, and generations of independent grape growers. Each Sketchbook Wine is a master class in the art of observation, beginning—as great artworks do—with humble, honest attention to the unique characteristics of each vineyard, vine, and vintage.

### VINTAGE

A mild winter encouraged an early bud break, and the cool spring that followed produced smaller cluster sizes characterized by concentrated flavors and color due to optimal skin-to-juice ratios. An early harvest produced fruit of exceptional quality.



### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### APPELLATION:

Mendocino County

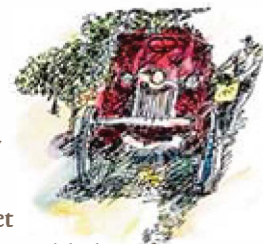
#### COOPERAGE:

Aged 12 months in French and American oak



### TASTING NOTES

At the cool northern extreme of California's coastal wine region, Mendocino County is known for its elegantly balanced Pinot Noir grapes. Full-flavored yet delicate tastes of cherry and baking spice linger in a velvety finish.



### WINEMAKING

To preserve the delicate characteristics of true Pinot Noir, the grapes were cold-soaked for 36 hours before being inoculated with a yeast strain especially selected for its long lag time and fermentation rate: enhancing aromatic and structural complexity. The combination of stainless steel with new American oak and neutral barrel aging provides subtle texture and depth.



**BOTTLING DATE:** 04/04/19

**CASES PRODUCED:** 2239

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**TA:** 0.57 g/100mL

**pH:** 3.6

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:**

100% Pinot Noir