

LA CREMA®



NINE BARREL

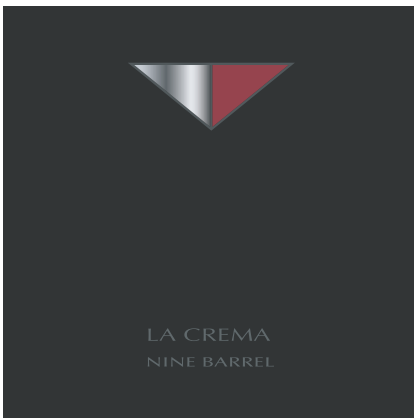
2018

Pinot Noir

Refined. Rich. Elegant.

"Aromas of fresh raspberry, WILD ROSE, and coastal cedar are followed by flavors of BLACK PLUM, cola, and baking spice. On the palate, the 2018 vintage presents RICH concentration and firm acidity."

JENNIFER WALSH, WINEMAKER



Our original name, La Crema Vinera, means "best of the vine," setting the standard for all we do since 1979. Our family-owned and operated winery focuses exclusively on cool-climate appellations. We're continually exploring these very special regions—passionate in our belief that they make uniquely expressive and elegant wines.

A REMARKABLE PLACE

The home of La Crema and the heart of Sonoma County Wine Country, the Russian River Valley AVA is one of the world's premier wine-growing regions. One unique element of the area is the Pacific Ocean's maritime influence, which moderates the warm days of the growing season, allowing grapes to ripen and develop slowly. The unique weather patterns combined with a diversity of well-draining soils make the appellation well suited to produce cool-climate Pinot Noir.

***It's one of the world's best cool-climate appellations.
It's a place for La Crema.***

EXCEPTIONAL GRAPES

The start of the 2018 growing season in the Russian River Valley was unseasonably warm and dry. A cold snap in late February, followed by a few rain events, prevented an early bud break for the vines. The Spring season was cool until a warm spell during Easter Weekend, which triggered bud-break throughout much of the region. Ideal growing conditions during flowering led to above-average fruit set with large berries and clusters. Cycles of warm temperatures in June and July accelerated maturation until mid-August, when the weather cooled. Unusually cool temperatures and long foggy mornings leading up to harvest led to extended ripening and excellent flavor development for the 2018 vintage. Harvest for 9 Barrel Pinot Noir began on September 14th.

ARTISAN WINEMAKING

Our small-batch, hands-on techniques continued into the winery.

Our 9 Barrel Pinot Noir is a barrel selection blend crafted from the most exceptional Pinot Noir lots of each vintage. For the 2018 vintage, 9 barrels were selected from multiple estate and grower vineyards within two distinct neighborhoods of the Russian River Valley. We blended barrels from the Barbieri and Bellflower vineyards on the warmer Santa Rosa plain with cooler Green Valley vineyards to create a complex and harmonious wine. Soils include Huichica and Gold Ridge Loams. Clones blended for this wine are: 777, 667, Pommard, and 115.

The soulful, spirited Russian River Valley in every sip.

THE STATS:

Appellation: Russian River Valley
Composition: 100% Pinot Noir
Type of Oak: 100% French oak;
39% new
Time in Barrel: 14 months
Alcohol: 14.7%
T.A.: 6.1 g/L
pH: 3.32