



NINE BARREL

2016

Pinot Noir

Refined. Rich. Elegant.

“On the nose, *BOYSENBERRY*, Bing cherry, anise, and exotic flowers. On the palate, saffrafrs, alpine *STRAWBERRY*, mocha and black tea with a touch of baking spices create fine tannins, *RICH* concentration and integrated acidity.”

JENNIFER WALSH,
WINEMAKER



THE STATS:

Appellation: Russian River Valley
 Composition: 100% Pinot Noir
 Type of Oak: 100% French oak;
 58% new
 Time in Barrel: 15 months
 Alcohol: 14.5%
 T.A.: 0.59g / 100mL
 pH: 3.49

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

Picture a meandering river. Tall redwoods rise from its banks. Thick fog snakes along it, up from the ocean into nooks and crannies lush with forests, farms, and rolling vineyards. Small communities dot the riverside, home to artisans and farmers who work the land. This is the Russian River Valley, the heart—and soul—of the Sonoma Coast.

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

EXCEPTIONAL GRAPES

After four years of drought, winter rains provided ample soil moisture for the 2016 growing season. Mild weather in February coaxed vines to awaken from dormancy and budbreak occurred earlier than usual. Temperatures remained moderate during bloom and early grape development, which allowed the vines to set an average crop. Additional rainfall in March and April during the early growing season permitted healthy canopy growth. Heat drove sugar levels in late summer, fog moderated this influence and the acidity levels remained high in the Russian River Valley. Harvest began on September 3, 2016.

ARTISAN WINEMAKING

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

Our nine favorite barrels from four of our favorite vineyards come together to create this wine, which includes clones 777, 115, 667, and Pommard. The estate portion came from our Barbieri and Bellflower vineyards, located in the Santa Rosa Plains area of the Russian River Valley, offering the darker, spicier notes in the blend. The blocks and clones were kept separate until final blending to allow the greatest range of expression.

The soulful, spirited Russian River Valley in every sip.