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SANTA CATALINA ISLAND VINEYARDS

2016 PINOT NOIR

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VINTAGE: 2016
VARIETAL: 100% PINOT NOIR
APPELLATION: CALIFORNIA
GROWER/RANCH: RUSACK, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND VINEYARDS, EL RANCHO ESCONDIDO
PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY: RUSACK VINEYARDS, SOLVANG, CA
BOTTLING DATE: AUGUST 2017
CASES PRODUCED: 177 CASES
RETAIL PRICE: \$72.00
RELEASE DATE: SPRING 2019
FERMENTATION: TEN DAY FERMENTATION FOLLOWED BY A 20 DAY EXTENDED MACERATION IN 1 TON OPEN BINS WITH REGULAR HAND PUNCH DOWNS
AGING: 11 MONTHS
100% FRENCH OAK (38% NEW)
BOTTLE ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL: 13.2%
pH: 3.66
TA: 0.631g/100ml
TASTING NOTES: THIS IS AN ELEGANT, SENSUAL WINE WITH LUSH TEXTURE, REVEALING SUMPTUOUS FLAVORS OF RAINIER CHERRY, POMEGRANATE, AND CRANBERRY. BURGUNDIAN AROMATICS OF FOREST FLOOR, ORANGE ZEST AND HINTS OF LEATHER COMBINE WITH A DELICATE SOFTNESS THAT LINGERS ON THE PALATE.

A match made in heaven! The 'terroir' found at Santa Catalina Island's El Ranch Escondido is unique in the world and its cool climate, morning fogs, ocean breezes and clay/loam soils make it the perfect place for Pinot Noir! In 2007, a blend of French Clones were planted in three small blocks, and due to row orientation and specific location at the ranch, each has its own micro-climate. When harvested, the grapes were fermented in 1 ton containers, with daily hand punch downs, and then gently transferred to French oak barrels. This beautiful Pinot Noir was aged in barrel for 11 months before being bottled without filtration.

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