



Ramsay Pinot Noir

2016 North Coast

Lab Stats: pH: 3.78 Total Acidity 5.6g/liter Alcohol: 13.65%

Kent Rasmussen notes:

This is now our 29th year of producing Ramsay Pinot Noir! And it is better than ever! I love Pinot Noir. It was my passion for Pinot that started me on the road of winemaking in 1979, and to this day, it is still the wine that makes me jump up-and-down. Pinot Noir is a wonderful grape and a wonderful wine. It is by far the most complex and nuanced of all varieties, yet it is far from a knock-your-socks-off bomb. A fine Pinot Noir can be quite light, both in color and body...yet unbelievable subtle and nuanced in flavor and aroma. Young Pinot Noir can be stunning, yet old Pinot Noir is often the best wine in the world. As I said, it is an amazing gift of nature for all of us wine-drinkers!

2016 was a great year for Pinot Noir in California's North Coast. The summer was warm and the fall was dry with lots of good grape-ripening sunshine. We had plenty of time during the fermentation to make the yeast happy and thus make them "want" to make great wine. I have always said that, if a winemaker gets to wear a t-shirt in heaven that says what they did on earth, mine will say "I am Kent—I made yeast happy".....not a bad way to wander eternity. Joking aside....2016 was a nice year for virtually everything in the North Coast...but particularly Pinot Noir.

I hope you enjoy drinking this wine as much as I have enjoyed making it.