

# Landmark Vineyards

## 2017 LANDMARK HOP KILN ESTATE PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
BARREL REGIME	French oak (40% new)
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2018
RELEASE DATE	April 2019
ALCOHOL	14.6%

### VINEYARD NOTES

Carefully selecting the fruit from our Hop Kiln Estate Vineyard in the desirable Russian River Valley, Winemaker Greg Stach has crafted the beautiful 2017 Hop Kiln Estate Pinot Noir. Focusing on the grapes planted in the Windmill block of the vineyard gave Greg a myriad of clones to create this vintage's wine. Utilizing different vineyard blocks based upon elevation, plant materials, topography and soils add to the complexity of Landmark's Hop Kiln Estate Pinot Noir.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2017 vintage is primarily sourced from the Windmill block of the vineyard, which lies above the Hop Kilns on the Western side of the vineyard and is derived from several clones. Harvest began in the start of the third week in August and finished in the fourth. The wine shows plenty of the red cherry fruit that the area is known for. Each block is de-stemmed into one-ton fermenters and is cold soaked for five days before the fermentation takes place. During fermentation, the wine is gently punched down twice a day and drained and pressed at dryness. The free run represents the blend, it is put into French oak (40% new) barrels and allowed to age sur-lie for 10 months. The wine is racked and blended shortly before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Clear, with a medium ruby/purple color, and romantic with ripe red berry and black cherry fruit, cola, baking spice, toasted oak, leather, purple flowers and a subtle camphor accent. The palate is nearly full-bodied with complex fruit of ripe strawberry, raspberry and black cherry mixed with baking spice, licorice, toasted oak and savory autumn leaf elements joining sustained ripe fruit on the mid palate. The finish is long with moderate intensity fine tannins, balanced acidity with cherry cola, and faint floral notes joining lingering ripe fruit.

### SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2017 vintage is a great pairing with rich, flavorful dishes like Porchetta served with herbed, oven roasted potatoes, or with sheep's milk cheeses like P'tite Basque or Caciocavallo.

### WINERY HISTORY

Since 1974, Landmark has been dedicated to producing handcrafted, luxury Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, sourcing grapes from unique vineyard sites throughout California to create rich, balanced wines. In 2016, Landmark acquired Hop Kiln Estate Vineyards, comprised of 240 acres in the "Middle Reach" of the Russian River Valley, expanding its award-winning wines into the best of two regions, the Sonoma Valley and Russian River Valley.

