

# MACLAREN

## *Pinot Noir*

HEATHER

2016

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### VINEYARD NOTES

Located at an elevation of 1,000 ft and nestled in the southern part of the Bennett Valley appellation, this site gets plenty of fog and wind. The vines enjoy the cool days and the red volcanic soil, producing a robust style of Pinot Noir. Multiple clones are planted in the vineyard and in 2015 we selected clones 115 and Pommard.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The vineyard was picked twice as the Pommard clone was a little ahead in ripeness of the 115 clone. The different grapes were fermented separately and the juice was on the skins for 14 days prior to being pressed off to tank where the wine was integrated before racking to barrel. The wine was racked to 100% neutral French oak barrels before aging for 14 months and bottling unfiltered and unfined.

### TASTING NOTES

Heather Pinot Noir greets you with a lovely spice aroma which continues to lift as the wine opens up in the glass. The palate is velvety and expansive, highlighting ripe cherries, black tea notes and a smooth, earthy finish.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Savory and earthy dishes such as duck confit with Chanterelles, white cheddar polenta and hard cheeses.



**93 pts.** | WINE ENTHUSIAST

*"Delicate layers of cranberry, pomegranate and rose are spiced in cardamon and a hint of white pepper, the flavors well defined."*



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VINEYARD  
Steiner Ranch  
Vineyard

VINE AGE  
40 years

PRODUCTION  
200 cases

APPELLATION  
Bennett Valley

HARVEST DATE  
September 7th, 2016

ALCOHOL  
13.7%

CLONES  
Pommard, 115

BARREL AGING  
14 months in  
neutral French oak

SRP  
\$48