

# MACLAREN

2017

PINOT NOIR

*Heather*



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## VINEYARD NOTES

In 2017 we were excited to begin working with the outstanding Greywacke Vineyard located high up in the hills along Westside Road in the Russian River Valley. A beautiful, secluded vineyard on the north end of the AVA, it is in a sweet spot where there is a cooling fog influence after the heat of the day. The unique microclimate, red soil and the hilly terrain accentuate good drainage which helps produce wines with beautiful intensity.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

The vineyard was picked at the very end of August reflecting a slightly warmer vintage. The grapes were fermented on the skins for 9 days prior to being pressed off to tank. The wine was racked to 100% neutral French oak barrels before aging for 14 months and bottling unfiltered and unfinned.

## TASTING NOTES

Heather Pinot Noir greets you with an exquisite spice aroma which continues to evolve as the wine opens up in the glass. The palate is velvety and complex, highlighting black raspberries, black currants, vanilla spice tea notes and a smooth finish with subtle hints of licorice.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

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

90 pts. | WINE ENTHUSIAST

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VINEYARD Greywacke	VINE AGE 11 years	PRODUCTION 122 cases
APPELLATION Russian River Valley	HARVEST DATE August 31st, 2017	ALCOHOL 13.8%
CLONES Calera	BARREL AGING 14 Months - 100% neutral French oak	

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