



LA FOLLETTE WINES

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE
WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2016

PINOT NOIR

Sangiaco Roberts Road Vineyard

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

THE VINEYARD

The Roberts Road Vineyard is located at the base of the eastern foothills of the Sonoma Coast AVA in the Petaluma Gap. The ‘gap’ pulls the ocean breeze in through the Russian River Valley where it rolls over the foothills, moderating the healthy amount of sun this vineyard gets from its southwestern exposure. Situated on well-drained gravelly soils of an ancient creek bed, the fruit achieves full maturity while retaining the softness of Pinot Noir.

THE VINTAGE

La Follette’s rows at Roberts Road Vineyard typically yield a lighter than average crop and 2016 was no exception. Canopy and fruiting zone showed perfect, natural balance during the summer, therefore a minimal green drop was executed prior to the final weeks of maturation to ensure even ripening. Both clones—Swan and 777—matured simultaneously. They were harvested and fermented together to enhance the complexity of the final wine, and provide a broad expression of the Roberts Road site.

THE WINE

An expressive bouquet of blueberry, cassis and brush. Hickory and earth are complemented by nuanced floral notes of violet and lilac. Velvet-textured entry leads to a palate drenched in raspberry with accents of sandalwood and black tea leaf. Sculpted by fresh, fruity acidity, the wine’s structure turns to slate minerality on the finish. A single vineyard Pinot Noir of aromatic complexity and an embodiment of terroir.

WINEMAKING

Harvest Date: September 5, 2016

100% Pinot Noir | Swan, 777

Fermentation: all native primary and secondary ferments, matured in barrel, 40% new oak

Alc. 13.8%

