

# DONUM

GIFT OF THE LAND

## SINGLE VINEYARD

### HERITAGE CLONES PINOT NOIR

#### INTRODUCTION

In 2015 we decided to graft part of our Russian River estate vineyard to different clones of pinot noir and chardonnay. The advantage of grafting is that it allows us to bring some new plant diversity to the vineyard, while at the same time keeping the existing root system, which is the source of the depth and complexity associated with mature vines. One of the clones that we planted is the Calera selection, which has been one of our favorites on our Carneros ranch. This decision was immediately rewarded, as from the very first vintage it has been clear that this clone performs exceedingly well at Winside. The Heritage Clones Pinot Noir is a selection of the top barrels from this block.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The Calera clone has a unique proclivity for producing wines that juxtapose both the light and dark sides of pinot noir at the same time. This is immediately apparent on the nose of the 2017 Heritage Clones, as delicate violet and cranberry notes coexist seamlessly with boysenberry and plum aromas. This balance continues on the palate, with dark fruit accompanied by lifted accents of fresh and dried herbs. As is typical of finely balanced wines, the finish is long and piercing, with anise and blackberry the final calling card.

#### FRUIT

100% Calera clone from the Winside Vineyard

#### HARVEST DATE

August 31, 2017

#### BOTTLING DATE

January 25, 2019

#### CASES PRODUCED

121 cases

#### NEW OAK

80% new French oak



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