

## 2017 BOUGETZ CELLARS THE CAIRN CATIE'S CORNER VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

## **WINEMAKER NOTES**

The 2017 The Cairn Pinot Noir is a single vineyard wine which comes from Catie's Corner Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. The fruit is sourced from two blocks, which are different clones (Wadenswil 1A and 2B). The must was fermented with 15% whole cluster providing a bit more mouthfeel and spiciness. The wine was stored on the lees, with monthly stirring, while aging in 40% new French oak. The 2017 The Cairn displays dark, red cherry notes, with a tantalizing spiciness on the palate. Richer than in years past, this wine will develop more with a couple of years bottle aging.

## HARVEST NOTES

The winter of 2016-2017 finally showed some relief from the four straight years of drought seen in California. With a wetter than normal winter, the growing season started closer to normal, with flowering occurring the last week of May. The summer was dry and sunny leading to a night harvest on September 7th. The Cairn Pinot Noir comes from two blocks off Catie's Corner Vineyard in the Russian River Valley.



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Harvest date: September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

• Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyard: Catie's Corner Vineyard

Brix at harvest: 25.1

Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry,
 15% stem inclusion

 Fermentation: 14-day ferment, after 5 day cold soak

Aging: 10 months, with 40% new and 60% once used French Oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.64

TA: 5.90 g/L

Bottled: August 2018

• Case production: 238 cases

Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz

Suggested retail: \$42