



RIVERBENCH



## 2017 POMMARD PINOT NOIR

*Estate Grown & Bottled – Santa Maria Valley*

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| COMPOSITION | 100% Pinot Noir, Pomard Clone    |
| HARVEST     | August 26, 29; September 7; 2017 |
| COOPERAGE   | 30% New French Oak               |
| COOPERS     | Francois Freres                  |
| ACIDITY     | 0.62 g/100ml                     |
| PH          | 3.78                             |
| ALCOHOL     | 13.5%                            |
| BOTTLED     | August 2, 2018                   |
| PRODUCTION  | 448 cases                        |
| PRICE       | \$48                             |

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

He's smooth. Confident. Just a little domineering. Wins every game of poker, spies on warlords and smugglers, and remains cool and calm with the ubiquitous drink in hand. Fast cars and sophisticated gadgets may make him irresistible, but he stays polite yet aloof. The name's Pomard, Pomard Pinot Noir, and this addition to our lineup is dense, velvety and mysterious. The nose holds the fragrance of currants and bruléed red fruits with just a tiny hint of rose petal, violet, and custom made cigarettes. These follow through on a dark and brooding palate which exhibits flavors of blueberry pie and cherry. Strong tannins give this wine its Double 0 status, so make it your mission to enjoy it as often as possible.

### 2017 HARVEST

The 2017 growing season proved to be a continuation of another drought year. The winter brought some needed rainfall, early bud break and spring frost coupled with the dry and warm summer ensured another early harvest. The marine layer had minimal influence, which is unusual for the Santa Maria Valley. What we didn't see early in the season was the light yields across most parts of the ranch and varieties. Pinot Noir had small berries and clusters, with no wings or shoulders to bolster cluster weights. Berry Set following Bloom was very good and we were happy with great quality going to the winery. Sparkling started the first week of August with our Pinot Meunier and we were into full swing the last week of the month through most of September. A heavy thunderstorm on September 3 was followed by more thunder, rain and hail on September 10. Exciting light show and rain amounts per hour left little sleep for vineyard and winery workers to follow.

