



DONELAN FAMILY WINES

## 2016 Sonoma County Two Brothers Pinot Noir

The 2016 vintage was a relief for Donelan after the low yielding, shatter-laden, hot vintage of 2015. Some people referred to the vintage as a goldilocks year because everything was just right. Bud break, flowering, veraison were all on schedule and came in predictably. Harvest was neither too warm, nor too cool. This gave us much flexibility. Picks and sugar maturation happened at a slow, even pace. Slow physical ripeness allowed the grapes to ripen in parity. 2016 was a magical vintage.

The composition of this wine is rooted heavily in Bennett Valley Pinot Noir, lending spice and earth to the nose while the fruit compote and verve that we have come to admire from Devoto Vineyard on the Sonoma Coast lift the wine and bring length to the palate.

Our 2016 Two Brothers Pinot Noir opens with a fresh and pretty bouquet of rose petals, cranberry, dried cherry, and crushed raspberries. It's a medley of deep, spiced scents that call to mind early fall fragrance, when berries are ready for harvest and roses are putting on a final show of flowers. The 2016 also has a nice earthy brilliance created by aromas of mint, potpourri, dusty earth, white pepper, and whole cluster spice. This wine is medium-bodied with a nice long finish. People who enjoy old world, classically styled wines will appreciate this vintage.

### *Cellar Notes:*

**Percentage New Oak**

30%

**Barrel Aging**

18 months

**Bottling Date**

March 2018

**Composition**

100% Pinot Noir

**Alcohol**

14.2%

**Production**

479 cases

*~20% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML*

