

TRIONE *Vineyards & Winery*



Winemaker's Tasting Notes
Scot Covington - Winemaker

Trione 2016 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

Once again Mother Nature has provided Sonoma County another vintage year for growers and winemakers. 2016 was by many measures an exceptional year to grow grapes. The season started early as did the previous year. The crop was slightly larger than 2015 but excellent quality. It was an early harvest season, beginning mid-August and finishing up by the end of September, another record year here at Trione Vineyards and Winery.

Cases produced: 1,211

Winemaking: Traditional techniques such as open top fermentations and hand plunging the cap during primary fermentation were implemented. To accentuate the fruit component, twenty percent of the grapes were added in whole clusters to the bottom of the fermenter. The cuvee or blend is a mix of clones from our Russian River Ranch. The clones chosen were UCD37, Pommard, 115, and 777. Each clone brings to the blend its own distinct characteristics. UCD37 is bold and full bodied, Pommard is rich and aromatic, Clone 115 tends to be more fruit forward with good color and the 777 adds pronounced Pinot Noir aroma, good color and a very silky texture to the blend.

Alcohol: 14.6 percent by volume
TA: 5.70 g/l
pH: 3.79

Tasting Notes: Clean, rich, and inviting are all terms used to describe the Trione 2016 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. With notes of fresh tilled earth; this wine is a walk through a medieval forest, dark but with layer upon layer of blackberry compote. Complex and ever changing in the glass, this wine will age gracefully for the next 5-7 years.

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Our family is deeply rooted in Sonoma County."*

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