



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

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Trione 2017 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

2017 will be remembered as the year of the fires in Sonoma County, it will also be remembered as a near perfect vintage for most winegrowers. Spring rains meant that the vines had plenty of reserves to work with during bud break and the flowering seasons. The summer months were warm and mild creating ideal growing conditions. Things warmed up in September hastening the harvest season. All in all, yields were average to slightly below average with quality across all varieties at near perfection. At Trione we were done harvesting by October 6th, slightly earlier than normal.

Cases produced: 1,400

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, 667, 115 and 777. Each clone brings to the blend its own distinct characteristics. UCD37 is bold and full bodied, 667 is bright and aromatic, Clone 115 tends to be more fruit forward with good color and the 777 adds pronounced Pinot Noir aroma, vibrant color and a silky texture to the blend.

Alcohol: 14.8 percent by volume

TA: 6.10 g/l

pH: 3.81

Tasting Notes: A walk through a dense redwood forest, full of wild blackberry brambles, dappled sunlight and the occasional moss and mushroom covered stump. These are the images that come to mind when first tasting the 2017 Trione Pinot Noir. The mouthfeel is rich and silky with a long finish. This wine will age gracefully for the next 5-7 years. Salute!

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Our family is deeply rooted in Sonoma County."*

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