

AQUINAS {a.kwine.əs}



VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Pinot Noir

95% Pinot Noir
5% Petite Sirah

APPELLATION North Coast

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PH 3.62 TA 5.7 g/L

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2016 PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Aquinas Pinot Noir offers robust aromas of raspberry, blackberry, black currant and clove spice notes. The wine's elegant and rich mouthfeel is loaded with ripe, juicy fruit flavors and nuances of black tea and soy notes adding complexity. The wine has well-integrated tannins from its 10 months in 100% French Oak and is balanced by good acidity leaving a lingering, flavorful finish.

APPELLATION

The backbone of this wine comes from Pinot Noir grown on the highly respected Sangiacomo Vineyard in the heart of Sonoma Carneros. This fruit is prized for its concentrated fruit flavor and supple tannins. We also brought in Pinot Noir from the Napa Carneros region which we love for its full-bodied nature and outstanding cherry flavor.

In addition to the Carneros (Sonoma & Napa) region, we expanded our hand out to the Russian River Valley where we sourced Pinot Noir (20%) for the blend. This delicate fruit from a very cool region adds softness and roundness to the final blend. Finally, we also went to the Mendocino region of Anderson Valley for some ultimate fruit with outstanding jammy strawberry flavors and the good funky nuance of earth, forest floor and mushroom which gives the Burgundian twist to this classic California Pinot Noir.

BRAND PHILOSOPHY

Aquinas wines were born from our conviction that good wine, one of life's simple pleasures, should be easily accessible to all. In championing this philosophy, we didn't take the easy route. We headed straight for the esteemed appellations of the North Coast—Napa and Sonoma counties, where we began crafting luxurious wines that would be priced within reach of most wine drinkers.

Aquinas wines are named in tribute of St. Thomas Aquinas, a revolutionary philosopher of the 13th century who used scientific methods to try to prove the existence of a "higher being." Just as St. Thomas sought to question the assumptions of his world, we seek to challenge the assumptions of ours.