



# METZ ROAD

## Pinot Noir : vintage 2016 : Riverview Vineyard

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*We specialize in small-lot, single-vineyard Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays from our estate Riverview Vineyard. Set along the eastern benchlands of the Salinas Valley, this cold-climate site owes its vinous personality to decomposed granite soils, morning fog and strong winds off Monterey Bay some 40 miles to the north. Our unique conditions guarantee that our wines are markedly different than their brethren from the western side of the valley. To preserve the natural character, structure and flavor of the Riverview Vineyard, we use sustainable farming practices and innovative winemaking techniques.*

**VINEYARD:** Our estate Riverview Vineyard is a 340-acre, cold-climate (Region I), sustainably-farmed, benchland site that overlooks the Salinas River. It is situated on the east side of the Salinas Valley just below the Pinnacles National Park. This property features granitic soils, great exposure and little protection from the strong winds that scrub the valley every afternoon. It is planted to an assortment of varieties, clones and rootstocks specifically matched to the various micro-climates, soils and aspects of the terrain. The namesake Metz Road runs alongside the property.

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes were hand-picked in the early morning hours, brought to the winery and gently whole-cluster pressed. The juice was fermented in small lots in open-top fermenters using a punch-down regimen of three times per day to gently extract color and tannins. After fermentation, the must was gently pressed into a stainless steel tank for settling, then racked to 100% French oak barrels (30% new) for 14 months before bottling.

**TASTING NOTES:** Complexity, clarity and accuracy are the hallmarks of our 2016 Pinot Noir. It opens with cherries, currants and raspberries, then finishes with mocha, vanilla and oak. The flavors are precise and the tannins are integrated. For those of us who prefer a more elegant style of Pinot, this is the perfect wine.

- Dave Nagengast, Winemaker



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VINEYARD	: Riverview
CLONES	: 115, 667, and Pommard
SOIL	: Well-drained decomposed granite
HARVEST	: August 24 – September 2, 2016
HARVEST BRIX	: 22.4 – 27.0°
ALCOHOL	: 14.0%
PH	: 3.75
TA	: 6.9 g/L
BOTTLING DATE	: June 4, 2018
PRODUCTION	: 105 barrels