

LaZarre Wines 2017 Pinot Noir

CENTRAL COAST

This is the wine that most people have been waiting for. It is the replacement for our super popular 2012 Central Coast Pinot Noir, which sold out earlier this year after a great and successful run. So this wine really needs to over-deliver. Therefore, we opted to get this Pinot from the Jepperson Ranch, located in the Edna Valley, just south of San Luis Obispo, and only a few miles as the crow flies from the Pacific Ocean. I've made wine from this region for a bazillion years, totally digging the long hang times and really concentrated dark fruit flavors with acidity always being a strong contributing factor in both the flavor and aroma profiles.

We treated this wine almost exactly as we did with the 2012. We crushed and destemmed about 85% of the grapes and only crushed the last 15% leaving the stems in. The stem tannins add a degree of color stability to the resulting wine while adding a slightly gamey note that ultimately turns into a really nice layer of complexity in the wine as it ages.

Complex aromas of black cherry, graphite, and sagebrush. Flavors are dark and dense with cherry cola as the predominant component with hints of plum, and anise, and lavender. There's a really seamless structure to this wine, lush and lengthy with a substantial thread of acidity that carries the flavors beyond the back of the mouth. This is a bad ass wine that will age gracefully and should pair perfectly with salmon, fowl, and that other white meat.

-Adam

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Appellation: Central Coast

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Cases produced: 273

Alcohol: 14.7%

pH: 3.45

T.A.: 0.68 g/100ml

Cooperage: 16 months 40% New Center of France Barrels, Balance French Neutrals

Bottling date: April 3, 2019

Suggested retail: \$54

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