



Alc x Vol: 13.1%

pH: 3.53

TA: 6 g/L

RS: 0.33%

Vintage: 2017

Pinot Noir 2017

Notes from the Winemakers

Produced from a ripe, bountiful vintage, Bel Lago's 2017 Pinot Noir is a delicate, fruit-driven wine, which illustrates the elegance of Pinot Noir. From the first whiff, this wine exudes scents of raspberries, pomegranates and blueberries. While enjoying this Pinot Noir, notes of sweet cherry and cranberry unfold first and encounter warm oak with a spicy chili pepper undertone. Polished and delicate, this medium bodied wine has soft tannins and enough acid to continue developing for years to come.

— *Charlie Edson, Blake Lougheed & Kyle Leppek*

Composition

Multiple clonal selections of Pinot Noir, including Dijon clones (113, 114, 115, 777), Pommard, Wadenswil and Colmar

Production Notes

We cold soaked the 2017 Pinot for 7-14 days to extract color, flavors and supple tannins; then inoculated with a variety of yeasts (including 3001, Assmanhausen, BRL97, W15) to broaden the flavor complexity. The wine completed the malolactic fermentation and was aged for 23 months in French oak barrels (40% new oak). We use a variety of barrel coopers to bring nuances of oak spice, chocolate and vanilla to the palate. Our goal is aromatic, rounded and elegant Pinot Noir with supple tannins.

Vineyard Notes

70% Moreno Vineyard/30% Longview Vineyard. We like to crop our Pinot Noir at low levels (~1.5-2.2 tons per acre, depending on block, clone and training system) to increase ripeness and complexity.

Awards: Not yet rated. Three of our previous Pinots have scored 90 points in Wine Enthusiast Magazine. We like this wine every bit as much as the previous, rated wines

Appellation: Leelanau Peninsula

Suggested Retail: \$25

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