



**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

90% Pinot Noir and 10% Marquette

### Production Notes

Cold soaked for several days and fermented on the skins for nearly two weeks, our Pinot Noir lots were fermented using a variety of yeasts, including 3001, F15, AMH, NT202 and BRL97. A portion of the wine also was saigned to enhance its color. Following fermentation, our Pinot Noir underwent malolactic fermentation and was aged in French oak barrels, a portion of which were new oak, for a year and a half.

### 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 scored 90 points in Wine Enthusiast Magazine. We think the 2017 is one of our best!

**Appellation:** Leelanau Peninsula

**Suggested Retail:** \$25

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