

CLUB CRUSH PINOT *September Shipment (#5 - 2019)*

RHYS VINEYARDS **2016 'ALESIA' PINOT NOIR** **SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS**

At Rhys Vineyards we aspire to make great Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Syrah from some of California's most unique and expressive vineyards. This pursuit has lead us to search the state for exciting rocky soils that exist within the mountainous, cool, Coastal climate zone. Over the last 15 years we have developed seven estate vineyards, six in the Santa Cruz Mountains and one in Anderson Valley, each of which is capable of producing uniquely compelling, distinctive, soil driven wine.



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Santa Cruz Mountain Pinot Noir derives its quality from a very unique confluence of climate and geology. The appellation is bordered by two bodies of water – the Pacific Ocean on the west and the San Francisco Bay on the east. This situation creates a cool climate that moderates California's late season heat spikes, producing intense wines with beautiful balance.

TASTING NOTES: The 2016 Pinot Noir (Santa Cruz Mountains) is a terrific appellation-level wine. Lifted and gracious, with terrific energy and cut, the 2016 is super-expressive today. Bright red cherry, orange peel, mint and chalky notes give the 2016 is attractive aromatic top notes to play off the wine's energetic personality. The 2016 includes all the fruit from Rhys's new Mt. Pajaro vineyard.

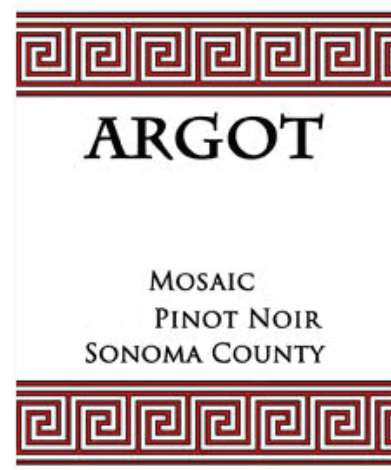
Production: 1,925 cases

Regular Price. . . . \$51.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$46.79

ARGOT WINES **2016 'MOAIC' PINOT NOIR** **SONOMA COUNTY**

Argot is the brainchild of Winemaker Justin Harmon. Dedicated to crafting small lots of white and red wine made at the very highest level. Justin was inspired to get into winemaking by an interview he read some years ago with legendary winemaker Sean Thackery.

Sourced from both high-elevation and valley floor vineyards, located in the cool-climate AVAs of Sonoma Mountain, Bennett Valley and Petaluma Gap. A drama-free growing season allowed for a leisurely harvest of perfectly ripe, healthy fruit. Low-stress, clean ferments, led to an exceptionally pure Pinot Noir, laden with fruit, earth and spice.



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TASTING NOTES: Medium ruby in color, the 2016 Pinot Noir Moaic has a pretty nose of pink peppercorn, herbs and dusty earth over a core of savory black fruit and spices. Medium-bodied, it gives good layers of flavors in the mouth with concentrated black fruits and loads of spice, grainy tannins to support and a long, lingering finish.

Production: 300 cases

Regular Price. . . . \$44.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$40.49
