

# CLUB CRUSH PINOT *January Shipment (#1 - 2020)*

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## **BLACK KITE CELLARS** **2015 'KITE'S REST' PINOT NOIR** **ANDERSON VALLEY**

Black Kite Cellars is a small, family-owned and operated winery dedicated to producing the finest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay using the best growing and winemaking practices applied to vineyards ideally situated for these classic Burgundian varietals. The first vintage was in 2003.

Over the ensuing years we have learned that we are engaged in a journey, one that combines high aspirations with long term commitment, patience and fortitude. It is a process of striving for the best over a long period of time. We appreciate that many of the best wines in the world are produced by family-owned wineries that have been around for generations. We are dedicated to the journey, and aspire to making great wines for many years.

**TASTING NOTES:** Comprised of select lots from our three vineyard blocks, the Kite's Rest Pinot Noir is a seductive blend of mouth-filling fruit and elegant structure. Opening with a heady mix of rose, lavender and violet aromatics, the palate unfolds in layers of black cherry, wild berry, sweet tea, pipe tobacco, and brown spice. A lovely tension between rich fruit flavors, vanillin oak tannins, and bright acidity persists through the long, lifted finish.

Clones: Dijon 114 & 115, Pommard

Production: 1,002 cases

**Regular Price. . . \$52.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . \$47.69**

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## **FREEMAN WINERY** **2017 PINOT NOIR** **RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA**

Since 2001, Freeman has been one of the great pioneers of cool-climate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, charting a course to the western edges of California winegrowing, where the influence of the Pacific Ocean shapes the character of the wines.

The wines of Freeman are deeply tied to the idea of provenance, which, at its heart, means place of origin. The wines are crafted using grapes from some of the coolest parts of the Russian River Valley and the extreme Sonoma Coast—including Freeman's own estate vineyards. As much as these origins are tied to a distinctive sense of place, they are also tied to an abiding belief that California can produce wines that are as complex, eloquent and age-worthy as those of Burgundy.

**TASTING NOTES:** At first sip, the 2017 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir tastes similar to our Gloria Estate Pinot Noir. It has all of the deep berry aromas of the Gloria, but as it aerates in the glass, a cooler, spicier aspect of the nose emerges. On the palate, it's perfectly balanced between fruit, acidity and ripe tannins, while the black cherry flavors go on and on into the finish.

Clones: Dijon 777, Clone 23

Production: 1,140 cases

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

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