

Baldacci

FAMILY ESTATE VINEYARDS
NAPA VALLEY

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VINEYARD NOTES

Owner Tom Baldacci has a passion for wine! Each vintage we will offer a collection of small production wines specifically chosen by Tom as part of his family tradition to share his discoveries and interest in other well-known wine growing regions. This 3-acre parcel is located in the southwestern part of the Russian River Valley off of Bloomfield Road. Noted as a cooler part of the AVA with gravel and loam soils, the fruit is known for a more elegant and refined expression of Pinot Noir.

2016 was tracking as an earlier than normal harvest but August brought with it unusually cool weather that pushed harvest back and extended hang time. That, in turn, gave us more options to pick with yields much more generous than the prior vintage. This vintage allowed us to create multiple lots from the same blocks and we are pleased with the balance and structure from this harvest.

WINEMAKING NOTES

All of our fruit passes through a small de-stemmer and is never crushed. The fruit is harvested by hand with scissors, rather than knives, to prevent bruising and laceration. 70% whole berry fermentation with 4-7 days of cold soak and 15 – 20 days of skin contact account for a deeper color and richer flavor profile in the final wine. A gentle drain and press are followed by a gravity fed racking to barrel. Native inoculation of malolactic fermentation ensues, and the wines are then bottled after 10 months in barrel.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Waltz: Graceful and elegant with a gentle rhythm that glides flawlessly across the palate. Our Russian River Pinot Noir has pretty, red berry aromas of raspberry jam, just picked strawberry, and sweet vanilla. The graceful flavors of wild strawberry and ripe plum have a touch of sweet oak to complete a long and balanced finish. Light a candle and settle in to the twilight.

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

2016 Mathilde

PINOT NOIR

Technical Information

Varietal Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
Clonal Selection:	Calera, Pommard, 777
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	6.2 g/L
pH:	3.59
Residual Sugar:	0.1 g/L
Brix at Harvest:	25.1°
Oak Regime:	100% French Oak/30% new/10 months barrel age
Bottling Date:	August 29, 2017
Production:	119 cases (12 x 750ml)
Suggested Price:	\$55
Accolades:	N/A

