## 2016 Jeffrey's Block & Krista's Block PINOT NOIR

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What are these two wines about you ask? Not only do these wines stir up some sibling rivalry, the Jeffery's Block and Krista's Block wines show how a small change in location (a mere 500 ft) can completely change the outcome of a wine. Jeffrey's Block is our oldest block and is named after owners Jon & Kathy Lauer's oldest son; whereas Krista's Block is named after the family's only red-headed daughter. Both blocks are planted to the same clones of Pinot. The wines are vinified with native yeasts in identical fermentation vessels, and both wines are aged in duplicate barrel selections. Jeffrey's Block is located on a gradual south-east facing slope on rich volcanic soil; whereas Krista's Block is planted on a steeper, rockier south facing slope that is exposed to the cold Ocean winds coming from the west. Do you think you could tell the difference? To up the ante and keep the family's competitive streak alive, who's block do you prefer?

#### **VINTAGE**

The 2016 vintage was the earliest spring on record. To our great relief, the rest of the season proved to be moderate and well-paced. The wines show concentration and finesse of a cooler and later ripening vintage.

#### **TASTING NOTES & ACCOLADES**

2016 JEFFREY'S BLOCK PINOT NOIR: "Sourced from the oldest section of the vineyard and aged in 20% new French oak, this approachable wine is high-toned, with plush marionberry and cherry pie fruit flavors. It's instantly appealing, with a smooth midpalate and highlights of cherry tobacco and sandalwood. A little bit of a burn slightly attenuates the finish." - Paul Gregutt, Wine Enthusiast October 2019.

91 Points - Wine Enthusiast, October 2019

92 Points - James Suckling, November 2018

93 Points - Wine & Spirits, October 2019

2016 KRISTA'S BLOCK PINOT NOIR: "These are the vineyard's highest elevation vines. It's a meaty, substantial style, loaded with black cherry fruit and a generous vein of espresso. Tannins are grainy and show a bit of that charred coffee character. Drink this now and over the next three or four years."

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#### **VINEYARDS**

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#### WINEMAKING

CASE PRODUCTION: 125

FERMENTATION STYLE: Native yeast. Small lot 2 ton and 1.5 ton open fermentors.

CAP MANAGEMENT: manual punch downs and lots of pump overs.

BARREL PROGRAM: 20% New French oak. Aged 15 months.

ABV: 13.9%

#### **CELLARING**

2-10 years post vintage. 2018 – 2026

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