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Bowers Harbor Vineyards

Old Mission Peninsula, Michigan
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2016 Pinot Noir, Nicholas

The Wine

While 2014 and 2015 proved to be exceptionally difficult years for producing wine in Northern Michigan, 2016 turned around and gave us one of the most extraordinary vintages since our inception in 1991. Pinot Noir grapes can be challenging to cultivate in even the kindest climates, making it all the more worth celebrating an exceptional growing year. This Pinot Noir is soft, elegant, and reveals just the right amount of oak. Don't rush with this wine; it should be enjoyed at a reflective, leisurely pace!

The Grapes

The Nicholas Vineyard is situated just a mile south of our own estate, owned by a close friend of our proprietor and cultivated with care and attention to detail. Pinot Noir grapes are notoriously fickle grapes to grow and are susceptible to any number of hazards. Tight clusters of berries and very thin skins mean the grapes can easily develop mold, and the delicate skins can easily split exposing the pulp of the grape. Despite its capricious nature in the vineyard, Pinot Noir is one of the oldest and most sought-after wines in the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

Viticultural historians think that the "Pinot" part of this grape name may refer to the shape of the cluster, much like a pine cone. "Noir" means black. Thus, Pinot Noir vines produce pinecone-shaped clusters of black grapes!

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Case Production: 248

Vintage: 2016

pH/Residual Sugar: 0%

Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula

ABV: 12%

TASTING NOTES

Look for lovely tart cherry and toasted oak on the nose, moving through to a cranberry and light earth palate.

How to taste:

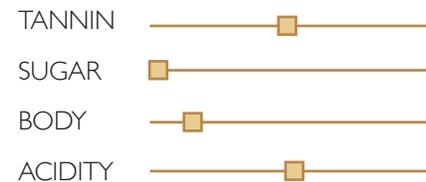
- 1 Look at the appearance:



- 2 Identify aromas and flavors



- 3 Determine the profile



- 4 What to Pair It With!

Roasted duck breast with maple-glazed carrots and garlic mashed potatoes.

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