



FLANAGAN

2018 PINOT NOIR *Gap's View Vineyard*



APPELLATION Sonoma Coast

HARVEST DATE September 28th, 2018

pH 3.56

TA 5.86

ABV 14.2%

BARREL REGIME Aged for 11 months in 50% new French Oak barrels from Boutes and Atlier Centre French cooperages

CASES PRODUCED 97

RELEASE DATE March 2020

VINTAGE NOTES

We acquired Gap's View in 2015 and have made many improvements to the farming. The viticultural practices we have implemented include: replanting a large number of dead vines, taking back positions on weaker vines, composting, pruning for fewer shoots and more moderate crop yields, and using worm tea compost as a soil pro-biotic. These changes allowed us to have the vineyard certified as sustainably farmed. Our focus in the vineyard has produced top quality fruit from the site, which, already had an ideal climate and good soils for Pinot Noir. 2018 is the 3rd vintage we have vineyard designated from Gap's View. It is also a large component of our excellent Flanagan Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast.

The 2018 vintage was a typical Sonoma County growing season... except for the unusually large crop. The Pinot Noir crop was about 30% larger than 2017. This site also had a large crop in 2018 with yields well above average. A warm growing season, with no rain late in the year, allowed us to ripen the larger than normal crop.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Flanagan Pinot Noir Gap's View Vineyard offers an expressive nose of orange blossom, clove, and black truffle. On the palate the wine has very fine tannins, great acidity, and displays pretty red currant and Rainier cherry fruits.

The key to producing top flight Pinot Noir is the site. The Gap's View Vineyard has the right climate and soils to produce great Pinot Noir. The winemaking is focused on balance and allowing the site and the vintage to express itself.