## SENSES DAY ONE (HILLCREST) PINOT NOIR 2016



## VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage marked a "return to normalcy" for many in Sonoma County. After the disastrous yields of 2015, most vineyards saw closer to average tonnage and the rains that followed the harvest were more than welcome to alleviate the drought. Favorable weather allowed for even ripening and full phenolic development without being pressured by extreme heat spikes, as with previous vintages.

## VINEYARD

Our estate Hillcrest vineyard sits atop a hill rooted in shallow, rocky soil receiving excellent sunlight and is immersed by fog nearly every evening. A mere 10 miles from the ocean, the grapes from this site tend to have moderate acidity, approachable fruitiness, and excellent aromatic tendencies.

## WINE

"Pale to medium ruby-purple colored, the 2016 Pinot Noir Day One has a very pretty nose of red roses and lavender over a core of crushed red cherries, raspberries and wild thyme with a waft of dusty soil. Medium-bodied with a very ripe, fine-grained frame and seamless freshness lifting the layered floral and red berry flavors, it finishes wonderfully fragrant."

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: 93+ points

APPELLATION: SONOMA COAST ALCOHOL: 14%

AGING: 100% FRENCH OAK; 30% NEW; 10 MTHS VARIETAL: 100% PINOT NOIR