

# CHAMISAL

## VINEYARDS

2016 PINOT NOIR • EDNA VALLEY

### THE VINEYARDS

Chamisal was the first vineyard planted in the Edna Valley in 1973 and now contains 80 acres planted to 5 varieties and 25 clonal selections. The nearby Pacific ocean creates a long temperate growing season for exceptional hang time, which combines with the calcareous, clay-rich soil to produce fruit with exceptional intensity and complex flavors.

### VINTAGE

The normal rainfall in 2016 really helped the vines by flushing the root zone a little bit, and as a result, we saw higher grape quality. Cool temperatures in August allowed us to bring in fruit at a steady pace without any major heat spikes. Additionally, the early pick of the Pinot Noir kept the natural acidity moderately high, resulting in a beautiful Pinot Noir. This vintage will stand out as one of the better Pinot years in Edna Valley.

### WINEMAKING

Our Pinot Noir was hand harvested at night from our estate vineyards at optimum ripeness and physiological maturity. After meticulous hand sorting, the grapes were destemmed and each pick was fermented separately in small open-top fermentors. Fermentation was achieved using native yeast with low fermentation temperatures giving soft phenolics and fresh aromatics. After total fermentor time of 12 days, the wines were then racked to 30% new French oak barrels and aged for 11 months.

### CLONAL SELECTION

Comprised of Pommard and Dijon Clones 113, 667, 777 and 2A, this diverse blend of clones gives this wine its unique character and serves to show the terroir of our wonderful vineyard very clearly.



### TASTING NOTES

Intense and opulent notes of red cherry and spiced red plum mingle with hints of Mission fig and rose petal, showcasing the distinctive Chamisal spice. The palate is rich and luscious with suggestions of cherry pie, strawberry preserves, and hints of anise, backed by fine and focused tannins that bring balance and length to the finish.

APPELLATION	EDNA VALLEY
VARIETAL	100% PINOT NOIR
CLONES	POMMARD, 113, 667, 777, 2A
OAK TREATMENT	11 MONTHS, 30% NEW FRENCH OAK
ALCOHOL	14.1%
CASES MADE	2117
RELEASE DATE	MAY 2018
SRP	\$45