



# Calstar Cellars

## 2018 Pinot Noir

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

### Appellation Profile

Sonoma Coast, an expansive AVA marked by the Pacific Ocean's significant influence, sets the stage for this 2018 Calstar Cellars Pinot Noir. Much like the previous vintage, this wine's character is a testament to the diverse microclimates of Sonoma Coast and the Russian River Valley vineyards. These varying microclimates contribute to the uniqueness and complexity of this Pinot Noir, promising an enriching experience and impressive cellaring potential.

### Winemaker's Notes

The 2018 vintage was welcomed for its typical cool, maritime-influenced weather patterns, characteristic of the Sonoma Coast AVA. The year kicked off with a cool, wet winter, causing a delayed bud break. As spring and summer unfolded, the region enjoyed moderate temperatures devoid of extreme heat spikes, setting the stage for the fruit's slow and even ripening.

As fall approached, the absence of sharp heat spikes or heavy rain ensured the grapes could continue maturing evenly. The result was a longer growing season allowing for excellent acidity and complex flavor development in the grapes, particularly our Pinot Noir.

The 2018 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir displays a radiant garnet hue upon pouring. The bouquet reveals vibrant red cherry and raspberry notes, underlined by subtle whispers of earthy mushrooms and exotic spice. With time in the glass, the aroma blossoms into a richer profile, featuring ripe blackberry, a hint of mocha, and a dash of vanilla.

On the palate, this wine shines, embodying the exceptional growing conditions of 2018. The fruit is ripe yet vibrant, presenting flavors of tart cherry, raspberry, and a touch of black pepper. A harmonious balance of silky tannins and energetic acidity showcases the depth of the fruit and leads to a refined, lingering finish.

Although this Pinot Noir is captivating now, its structure and complexity suggest it will continue to evolve beautifully with further cellaring. Ultimately, the 2018 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a true testament to the Sonoma Coast AVA and how even within a broader AVA, the unique microclimates, soil types, and the winemaker's decisions all harmonize to create a wine of distinction.

#### AVA

SONOMA COAST

#### HARVEST DATE

9-15 TO 10-10 2018 (4 VINEYARD BLEND)

#### FINISHED PH

3.50

#### FINISHED TA

6.15

#### ALCOHOL

14.1

#### OAK PROGRAM

All French or Hungarian, 30% New, 30% Once Filled Balance Neutral

#### CASES PRODUCED

200

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