

CHASING LIONS

PINOT NOIR

I grew up in a multi generational farming family. In 1974 at the age of five, I began to follow my grandfather every day on the family farm as he tended to his ranch. Over the years he taught me a lot about farming but more importantly about life. Then one day in my late teens, he told me it was time to get of the ranch and “go chase lions.”

I never asked him what he meant by that, because something inside me already knew. It’s been over 20 years now since he passed and I have been chasing lions ever since.

Because of the success of Chasing Lions Cabernet Sauvignon, Chris and Elijah wanted to add a Pinot Noir to the lineup. In chatting up their winemaker and grower friends, they found stellar fruit in Sonoma, Monterrey and Carneros that, when blended, showed that individual, disparate terroirs lend complementary components.

This intriguing Pinot Noir opens with lush aromas of ripe cherries, orange peel, violets and fig leaf. The balanced, spicy mouth is densely layered with flavors of dried Turkish apricots and vanilla bean. The finish lingers long with flavors of caramel and cloves.

Versatile, it pairs well with poultry, beef, fish, lamb and pork.

Technical information

Vintage: 2016

Appellation: California

Vineyard Locations: Sonoma 40%, Monterrey 38% and Carneros, 22%

Alc. 13.9%

pH 3.74

RS: 5.0 g/L

TA 4.5 g/L

Appellation information



Sonoma Appellation: Sonoma has a variety of climate and soil conditions throughout. The difference in climate and soil means that cooler climate grapes grow well in certain regions and in others, warm climate grapes are more suitable.

Monterey Appellation: The northern portion is a cool growing region, but one with a very long growing season. Daytime temperatures rarely exceed 75 °F in most parts of the region, although the southern part of the Monterey AVA occasionally reaches 100 degrees. The soil is sandy and most regions require extensive irrigation from the Salinas River.

Carneros Appellation: the region is moderately cool and windy with marked influences from nearby San Pablo Bay, making it the coolest and windiest AVA in both Napa and Sonoma. Early morning fog is a persistent feature.

