



2017 PERLI VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Mendocino Ridge

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Perli Vineyard Pinot noir boasts an exotic nose of forest floor, black plum, pine needle, and wild raspberry. Firm, mouth-filling tannins and tangy acidity typical of this remote site on the Mendocino Coast provide ample structure for flavors of black currant, graphite, tangy cherry, cool blue fruits, and Asian spice. There is a coppery acidity and mineral-driven intensity on the palate which carries the minute-long finish.

Peak drinking window: 2020 through 2030

VINEYARD NOTES

The Perli Vineyard, planted in 2001, is owned and farmed by Steve Alden. The Perli Vineyard is located on the southwestern edge of Mendocino County in the Mendocino Ridge AVA. Located at 2200 feet and approximately 6 miles inland, this high elevation and coastal vineyard produces wines of rich flavor and high acid and tannin. The unique mixture of high elevation but extreme coastal influence has a distinct influence on the resulting wines. The elevation keeps the vineyard above the almost permanent fog layer but the coastal influence keeps the temperatures relatively mild. Daytime highs during the growing season rarely exceed 80 degrees while nighttime lows often hover in the low 60's. This more narrow diurnal swing means the grape vines never fully shut down due to extreme daytime heat or cold, nighttime lows. The coastal influence also affects annual production as cold spring temperatures, rain, fog, and wind often minimize fruit set and keep yields very low. The Perli Vineyard is truly a unique site in one of the most promising appellations in Northern California.



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