

# Ernest Vineyards

## Grand Vent Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

*Petaluma Gap*

*The Wrangler*

**THE VINEYARD:** Wind dictates everything at this 15-acre vineyard in Sonoma County. The parcel sits in the mouth of the Petaluma Gap, where a blend of unique terroir, cool climate, and consistent wind yields long hang times that allow flavors to mature slowly and steadily. The majority of the vineyard is Pinot Noir with clones of Pommard 4, Dijon 113, and 667. In his book, *A New California Wine*, Jon Bonne describes the vineyard as “perhaps the most challenging vineyards [in all of California].” Considering the intense flavors of the grapes from this location, we’re happy to take on the challenge of working with grapes farmed from here.

**LABEL STORY:** Erin’s great aunt, Mary Ellen “Dude” Barton, an honoree in the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, inspires The Wrangler as a true original. Fittingly, this wine expresses the personality of Pinot Noir with strength and precision. She competed against the men and usually won.

**TASTING NOTES:** Dynamic garnet with subtle brick red edges. Tremendously expressive of wild berry, hibiscus, red plum, thyme, saddle leather, and wet earth aromatically. Assertive, but ripe, tannins with fresh acidity and sour fruit like unripe strawberry, rhubarb, and dried cranberry define a sturdy, yet bright, texture.

**AGING:** 38% NEW FRENCH OAK

**CASES PRODUCED:** 310

**ALC. BY VOL:** 12.3%

