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## PINOT NOIR

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### Wine

Our Pinot Noir shows the rich, velvety profile and big, bold character of its distinguished pedigree. Expressive varietal character delivers Bing cherry, strawberry and blackberry briar aromas with long, heady accents of vanilla and caramel. Dark fruit leaps off the entry, followed by coconut and crème caramel. “Sit back and enjoy a glass,” recommends Winemaker Marty Spate. “It’s a tribute to the simple joys in life - good dogs and great wines.”

### Vineyard

Famous for its idyllic climate, California has the perfect weather for growing juicy, fruit-forward grapes. Under an expansive sky of brilliant sunshine, grapes develop rich, succulent flavors. The day’s heat, however, is almost always dry and never lasts long, cooled in the evenings by the influence of the nearby Pacific Ocean and waterways. This allows the grapes to ripen slowly and linger on the vine well into the fall for rich, well-balanced flavors.

### Winemaking

Fruit was harvested at the peak of maturity then fermented in stainless steel tanks. Regular pump-overs maintained thorough extraction of aromas and flavors. Winemaker Marty Spate used both French and American oak for aging, which complemented the Pinot Noir perfectly, adding rich notes of vanilla and spice. A small amount of Syrah was blended in prior to bottling, further enhancing the succulent texture of the wine.



Winemaker Marty Spate  
and his dog Duke

*It's true what they say about the similarities between an owner and his dog. In this case, Duke is a perfect reflection of Winemaker Marty Spate's bigger-than-life personality. Marty, who grew up with dogs, has early memories of riding around on the back of his Great Dane named Moose. In the years between Moose and Duke, Marty's personal journey took shape. "When I left my family's ranch, where we farmed grapes," says Marty. "I promised myself to never go back to working in the sand and dirt and sun." However, his roots prevailed and he soon found himself in a cellar as a winemaker. For the past 16 years, Marty has been making wines, including several collaborative projects that take him around the world. For him, Chateau La Paws is a homage to that journey – that ultimately takes us back home to the comfort of our loyal dogs.*



### Key Facts

- A velvety, rich Pinot Noir with layers of berries, caramel and coconut.
- A California-bred Pinot Noir that leads with fresh fruit flavors.
- French and American oak add layers of vanilla and spice to the expressive fruit.
- Pair this approachable Pinot Noir with roasted pork loin, duck breast in cherry chutney or a simple BLT.

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### Wine Data

**Vintage:** NV

**Varietal Composition:**  
87% Pinot Noir  
13% Syrah

**Barrel Aging:**  
French and American oak

**Appellation:** California

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Acidity:** 5.3g/L

**pH:** 3.65

**Ageability:** 2015 to 2017