

Withers Winery

English Hill Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast



VINEYARD NOTES

English Hill, planted in 2005, is an 8.5 acre vineyard located 9.2 miles from the Pacific Ocean in Occidental, overlooking Tomales and the Marin Coast Range. It sits at an elevation of 652 feet and is comprised of Goldridge, Sandy Loam and Steinbeck Fine Sandy Loam soils. Clones harvested include Vosne Romanee, 115, and 667. The site is turbulent and exposed, featuring cool afternoon breezes and lengthy ripening seasons.

VINIFICATION AND COOPERAGE The wine was aged in 15% new French oak barrels (Tonnelerie Remond). The remaining cooperage was 1-10 year old Francois Frères barrels. The wine was harvested by hand and fermented with 35% whole clusters and ambient yeasts at cool temperatures after a cold soak. We employed no fining or filtration, and racked only prior to bottling.

Grape varieties : Pinot Noir

Alcohol : 12.9%

Tasting notes :

The 2017 English Hill Pinot massages the palate with airiness that unfolds, showing notes of underbrush, savory notes, baking spice, earth, and dried tea and herbs. The small berries contribute a higher skin to pulp ratio, which gives this lovely and unique wine a deceiving power.

