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VELVET SISTERS

ANDERSON VALLEY • PINOT NOIR
2016

VINEYARD CHARACTER

In the Anderson Valley of Mendocino County the local residents speak an obscure dialect of English known as Boontling, developed in the late 1800s. The “Velvet Sisters” are local historical figures who in Boontling lore became known for wearing plush velvet dresses that they had purchased on a trip to British Columbia. We call this wine “Velvet Sisters” in tribute to the Anderson Valley history and the wine’s plush velvety texture.

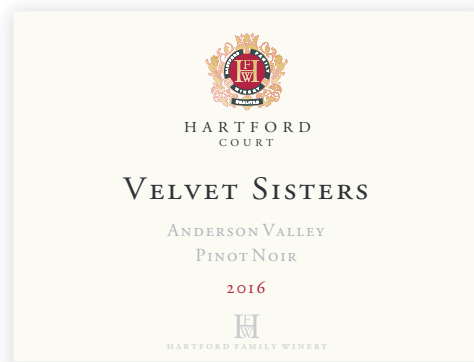
The 2016 Velvet Sisters Pinot is sourced from blocks within the Falk Vineyard, an estate owned vineyard located in the hills above Anderson Valley. Falk is planted to Dijon clones 115, 667, 777 and Pommard selections. The character of this carefully harvested Pinot Noir includes lively fruit aromas and a silky texture; exemplary of the best of Anderson Valley Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

This alluring and hedonistic wine has amazing extract and purity of fruit focus. Vibrant fruit aromas of black cherry, blueberry, anise and violets harmonize with subtle cinnamon stick notes. The captivating aromas lead into equally vibrant flavors of berries and allspice in this sensuously elegant Pinot Noir.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 38% new
Time in oak: 16 months
Yeast: Native
Alcohol: 14.7%
TA: 5.5 g/L
pH: 3.76
Cases produced: 323
Unfined and unfiltered



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

- 2016: “Outstanding” 94 points, Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, October 2018
- 2015: “As good as it gets” 96 points, *Jebdunnuck.com*, June 2018
- 2014: “Outstanding” 91 points, Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, October 2016
- 2013: “Outstanding” 92-94 points, Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, January 2015
- 2013: “Outstanding” 96 points, Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, October 2015
- 2012: “Outstanding” 90 points, Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, December 2014
- 2012: “Outstanding” 91 points, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2014
- 2011: “Outstanding” 90 points, Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, February 2014
- 2011: “Outstanding” 92-93 points, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2013
- 2011: “Outstanding” 91 points, Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, December 2013
- 2010: “Outstanding” 91-92 points, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2012
- 2010: “Outstanding” 91 points, Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, April 2013
- 2007: “Outstanding” 92 points, Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, February 2010
- 2006: “Outstanding” 92 points, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2008
- 2005: “Outstanding” 93 points, Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, December 2007