



2017 Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir

A cellar-worthy gem with serious depth and rich hue, the 2017 Gap's Crown will age beautifully. Aromatics hint at blackberry pie, with dark fruits and warm spices. The palate is a plush expanse of black cherry and boysenberry. With smooth tannins and fulfilling richness, the finish is long and flavorful. The '17 vintage showcases the depth and balance of a wine borne of the Petaluma Gap fog and wind-scape. You'll be loving this wine for years to come.

Vineyard:

2017 was a finicky vintage with a deluge of spring rain followed by heat spikes and valleys that tried our growers' patience. Yet despite Mother Nature, we harvested our 2017 crop right around the same time as 2016. 2017 also marked my first year of playing with a beneficial, non-Sacch yeast blend as an alternative to sulfur. It's cool; you can ask me about it. All of the Bruliam Wines fruit was picked, processed, and fermented prior to the devastating 2017 wildfires.

Harvest:

The fruit for our 2017 Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir was hand harvested on September 6, 2017. The grapes were hand-sorted and de-stemmed to 100% whole berry the same day. Our allocation weighed in at 2.0 tons, split between clone Dijon 115 and clone 777. The truck sample yielded the following measurements:

°Brix: 25.6

pH: 3.36

TA: 5.2 g/L

Fermentation:

The fermentation curve for the 2017 looked ideal. After a five-day cold soak, the must measured 26.4 brix, and I inoculated with RC 212, known for clean, berry-driven aromatics. Following a typical fermentation curve, this wine was drained and pressed on 9/16/17. Once dry, the wine was inoculated for secondary fermentation using Oenococcus Oeni Viniflora CH16.

Barrel Aging:

The wine was aged for 10 months in 33% new French oak from Vicard and Radoux. The balance includes once and twice used French oak from Vicard and Francois Freres.

Blending:

Our Gap's Crown Vineyard pinot noir allocation is a mixture of clones 115 and 777.

Bottling:

We bottled this wine on August 8, 2018. The wine was aged in bottle for 18 months prior to our February 2020 release date.

About Bruliam Wines

Bruliam Wines is a boutique producer of single vineyard premium wines. Established in 2008 by Kerith and Brian Overstreet, "Bruliam" is an amalgamation of our three children's names. We strive to craft world class wines and use 100% of our profits to support charitable endeavors. Since our 2008 inception, Bruliam has donated to over 70 unique, charitable organizations selected by our mailing list members and restaurant partners. We've extensively documented our start-up and on-going growth on our blog. For more information, please visit us at www.bruliamwines.com.