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2017 ROSELLA'S VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

<i>appellation:</i>	SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS
<i>vineyard:</i>	ROSELLA'S
<i>rootstock:</i>	101-14, SO4, 5C
<i>clones:</i>	PISONI
<i>soils:</i>	ARROYO SECO SANDY LOAM (GRANITIC)
<i>climate:</i>	VERY COOL, REGION I (UCD)
<i>alcohol:</i>	14.1%
<i>acidity:</i>	6.2 G/L
<i>pb:</i>	3-47
<i>cooperage:</i>	10 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK; 40% NEW
<i>production:</i>	94 CASES
<i>retail price:</i>	\$65.00

THE GRAPE

Pinot Noir demands the most from winegrower and winemaker. Here, a great vineyard and classic winemaking are perfectly matched.

THE PLACE

Rosella's Vineyard is among the most famed estates in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Planted by Gary Francioni and his wife Rosella, their conscientious winegrowing and "Premier Cru" location yield top-flight Pinot Noir.

THE WINE

For years we have valued the consistent quality of Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir. Located three miles south of our own Double L estate, Rosella's is one of the top Pinot Noir vineyards in California. Planted in '96 to several Dijon clones as well as the famed "Pisoni" clone, Rosella's benefits from the eastern exposure of its Santa Lucia Highlands benchland location. Fog and cooling breezes from the Monterey Bay, combined with well-drained alluvial soils make-up Rosella's famed terroir.

The 2017 vintage commenced with a refreshingly wet winter with rainfall totals 40% above average, flushing vineyard soils of built up salts, and promoting healthy root and cover crop growth in the early season. Temperatures were average through August, though September saw three heat waves, resulting in wines with a rich fruit core, underlaid by an elegance from the early and mid-season cool temperatures.

THE WINE

The grapes were completely destemmed after hand sorting, and fermented in open top tanks. Manual punch downs provided for supple texture and soft tannins. The wine was transferred to a combination of medium and medium-plus toast Burgundy barrels, 40% new, for malo-lactic fermentation and 10 months of aging.

Deep and concentrated, this limited production Pinot Noir showcases aromas of strawberry hard candy, forest floor, and savory dried herbs with flavors of fresh cranberry and cherry pit. Bright fruit and snappy acidity suggest this wine will age very well. The '17 Rosella's Pinot Noir will prove a perfect match for rib roast, lamb chops, or just about anything off the grill.