

# BARNETT VINEYARDS

*Spring Mountain District*

NAPA VALLEY

## Pinot Noir

Tina Marie Vineyard

Green Valley of the Russian River Valley

2017

<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	September 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
<b>Grape Source:</b>	100% Tina Marie Vineyard Green Valley AVA of the Russian River Valley
<b>Clonal Blend:</b>	45% 115, 30% 667, and 25% 777.
<b>Aging:</b>	10 months in French Oak Barrels 50% new
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.2%
<b>Yeast:</b>	RC212 and indigenous
<b>Production:</b>	28 Barrels
<b>Release Date:</b>	September 2018
<b>Winemaker:</b>	David Tate

**Vineyard Notes:** The 2017 vintage presented many challenges in the vineyard. The rainfall was sufficient in winter, and bud break as well as flowering were all on time. However the heat during summer was extreme. The saving grace for our Pinot Noir is its location. Being twelve miles away from the ocean the morning fog and cool winds tempered the extreme heat. The fruit for this Pinot is sourced from three different blocks from within the Tina Marie Vineyard of Green Valley within the Russian River Valley. The distinctive gold-ridge limestone soil make it ideal for Pinot Noir.

**Winemaker Notes:** All three clones were cold soaked for 5 days in small open top fermenters. After the cooling was shut off all three clones started fermenting on their own, providing an additional level of complexity. As the indigenous yeast slowed all three were inoculated with RC212, a Burgundian yeast strain. Gentle restricted pump overs occurred for eight days. After draining and pressing the wine was allowed to sit on its lees for 2 months in barrel and closely monitored for any changes in flavor profile, allowing for an added layer of complexity.

**Tasting Notes:** The 2017 Tina Marie is a beautiful medium ruby at its core. Cherry blossoms and fresh blueberries fill the glass with gravel and gunflint undertones. There are also pretty vanilla bean and anise elements to the aromatics. The mouthfeel is silky and round with cola, baking spices and licorice notes. The tannins are soft while bright acidity abounds. There is a very long cherry finish to this wine which can be enjoyed in its youth but would benefit from 5-6 years in the cellar (2023-2024).