



ESTATE

FARMERS. WINEMAKERS. Members of the Pisoni Family work together, committed to growing exceptional grapes and crafting compelling wines from their vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands.

First planted by Gary Pisoni in 1982, and now managed by his son Mark, Pisoni Vineyards consists of small vineyard blocks arranged on and around the ridges of the mountainous landscape. Ranging in size from one-half to 17 acres, the vineyard blocks perch at an altitude of 1,300 feet in the granite-laced mountains of the coastal Santa Lucia Range.

The Pisoni Family produces essentially one wine per year under this label. The wine is a blend from several blocks on the Estate and is hand-crafted to best represent the vineyard and spirit of the Pisoni Family. Jeff Pisoni, Gary's other son, is the winemaker for the Pisoni Estate wines. Total production ranges from 500 to 800 cases annually, depending on yield.

2016 PISONI ESTATE PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD

One of the highest-elevation vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands: 1,300 feet

Decomposed granite soil. High amounts of schist and quartz

Heavy fog influence

36 planted acres with 30 individually farmed blocks or sub-blocks

100% sustainable farming

Hand-farmed & hand-harvested

VINTAGE

Winter rainfall of 12 inches was welcomed and more than recent years

2016 proved to a record year of drought conditions for California

Season started with early budbreak as witnessed in prior dry years

Spring time flowering conditions were beautiful and brought above average crop levels

Canopy growth was low and we therefore removed much fruit to not overly stress the vines.

Tannin ripening and development was exceptional

WINERY

Hand Sorting

100% native-yeast fermentation

0% whole-cluster fermentation

Select French oak barrels: 63% new oak; 11 months aging in barrel

Minimal intervention is practiced

Only natural settling of the wine is utilized: No use of fining or filtration

NOTES:

Just as a walk through a summer garden provides flashes of color, the 2016 Pisoni Estate Pinot Noir offers aromatic bursts of wild strawberry, freshly-cut violets, and rose petal. Its vibrancy in the glass is matched on the palate with intensely pure fruit within which Bing cherry notes marry with hints of baking spice and vanilla. Blankets of fog protected the slow-ripening fruit on the vines so that each grape cluster eased its way into assured phenolic development by harvest. The resulting wine's firm tannin and focused acidity move toward a broad, thorough finish. This is a wine capable of harmonizing each of its attributes and that demonstrates its potential to develop beautifully in bottle for the coming decade and beyond.

- Mark & Gary Pisoni, Vineyard Managers
- Jeff Pisoni, Winemaker
- Alcohol: 14.1%
- Cases Produced: 615
- Bottled Date: August 16, 2017
- Release Date: September 2018