

2016 Bennett Valley
Cushing's Block Pinot noir

The 2016 Cushing's Block Pinot Noir from Barbed Oak Vineyard in Bennett Valley once again shines. Our longer hang time at this early-ripening site led to a more balanced and complex wine.

This was the first vintage that we received Pommard clone Pinot Noir from the Barbed Oak vineyard in addition to the Calera and Swan clones used in years' past. Pommard's elegance and grace creates a fitting counterpoint to the Calera and Swan clones' darkness and depth. The small, intense clusters grown in this vintage provide seductive density that the initiated have come to expect from Cushing's Block Pinot Noir.

Lush aromas of ripe blackberry, kirsch, and plum sauce are intoxicating, while richness and freshness on the palate make this Bennett Valley vineyard irresistible. Although heavily influenced by concentrated dark fruit, like other wines in the Donelan portfolio there is a beautiful mix of exotic spice and spring flowers, to provide beautiful contrast and added complexity to this remarkable single-vineyard.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak 30%	Composition 100% Pinot noir
Barrel Aging 18 months	Alcohol 14.3%
Bottling Date March 12th, 2018	Production 337 cases

~20% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

