

2018 Sonoma County Two Brothers Pinot Noir

2018 was one of the longest harvests on record for Donelan Wines, which is a welcome phenomenon for a winemaker. Harvest usually feels like a flash in the pan. But in 2018, we were able to make methodical decisions with patience, pick at a leisurely pace, and let fruit trickle in. The amount of rain from the growing season called for very diligent farming in order to get the high fruit set down. Hedging, tipping, and suckering all had to be perfectly timed, as to find balance in the vine. Our attention to detail is evident in the wine.

The composition of the Two Brothers wine is rooted heavily in Bennett Valley and Sonoma Mountain lending spice and earth to the nose, while the Devoto Vineyard on the Sonoma Coast gives aromatic lift to the wine and brings length to the palate. The 2018 opens like a delicate paper fan, beautifully textured and unfolding one by one with notes of sweet tobacco, mint, cedar, macerated raspberry, and strawberry.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak Composition
29% 100% Pinot noir

Barrel Aging Alcohol
18 months 13.9%

Bottling Date Production

March 2020 740 cases

~26% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

