



# FLANAGAN

2016 PINOT NOIR *Gap's View Vineyard*



**APPELLATION** Sonoma Coast

**HARVEST DATE** September 12, 2016

**PH** 3.6

**TA** 5.9

**ABV** 14.9%

**BARREL REGIMEN** Aged for 12 months in 37% new Boutes French oak barrels and neutral barrels from Francois Freres.

**CASES PRODUCED** 110

**RELEASE DATE** March 26, 2018

## VINEYARD NOTES

The 2016 Vintage at Gap's View was characterized by relatively low crop yields. While not as low as the shockingly small 2015 crop, 2016 was about 10% below average. We acquired the Gap's View vineyard in early 2015 and have since made many improvements in farming. Our remedial viticultural practices include: replanting a large number of dead vines, taking back positions on weaker vines, composting, pruning for fewer shoots and more moderate crop yields, and using worm tea compost as a soil pro-biotic. We also had the vineyard certified as sustainably farmed.

We were so impressed with the Gap's View grapes that in 2016 we elected to craft a vineyard designated wine from the site.

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Flanagan Gap's View vineyard Pinot Noir has a richness that belies it's cool climate. The nose has expressive floral notes and rose hips; the palate is lush with a beautiful pomegranate fruit profile, rounded and nicely balanced by the sites natural cool climate acidity. This is not a "Burgundian" Pinot Noir, it is classic Sonoma Coast from a ripe vintage. We tasted this wine out of barrel at our 2017 Harvest Party and it was a huge hit!