



dot wine  
2017 PINOT NOIR  
LOLITA VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY | SONOMA COUNTY

VINTED & BOTTLED BY LILY CASSIUS WINES, CLOVERDALE, CA | CONTAINS SULFITES  
**GOVERNMENT WARNING:** (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT  
DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS.  
(2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE  
MACHINERY AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

750ML | ALC. 14.4% BY VOL.

## 2017 Vintage Notes

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County Pinot Noir

14.4% alc

100% French Oak, 50% new, 50% 1 yr old

Harvested 9.8.2017 at 28.0 B, 0.48 TA, 3.58 pH

\$60

The 2017 growing season was a generous and easy vintage, yielding a beautiful and plentiful crop, and ending in utter tragedy. The beauty of the 2017 vintage can be found in what it wasn't. It wasn't fraught with frost. It didn't have excessive amounts of pest pressure that kept vineyard managers awake at night wondering if there was something more they could have done to ensure quality. It didn't have heat spikes that desiccated fruit and forced sugar accumulation without flavor development and drive the hand of the winemaker to call a pick earlier than hoped for. The 2017 vintage was just perfect. Pinot Noir hung a touch heavier on the vine, acting like a ballast and keeping the fruit from ripening too quickly, giving it more time for flavor development. The Russian River valley mesoclimate made things even more concentrated, with the fingers of fog receding back to the sea every day and creeping back to the vineyards in the evenings, keeping the diurnal temperature fluctuations at a perfect average of 30.8 degrees. This allowed the vines to have extended days of physiological ripening. The 2017 harvest was about two weeks later than the previous vintage, and the cool and crisp mornings and evenings in the Russian River Valley allowed for greater acidity. The higher acid of the 2017 vintage is critical; the more concentrated color, flavor and structure of the 2017 wine is framed and lifted by the higher acidity, allowing the greater concentration to dance on your palate, rather than hang heavy and dense. Much like the fingers of fog that float in and out of the valley daily, the 2017 Pinot Noir wines from the Russian River Valley have a lightness about them despite their intensity. We hope you enjoy this big and beautiful wine through 2027. We dedicate the 2017 dot wine Lolita Vineyard to all the brave first responders and survivors of the 2017 North Bay wildfires. #SonomaStrong

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