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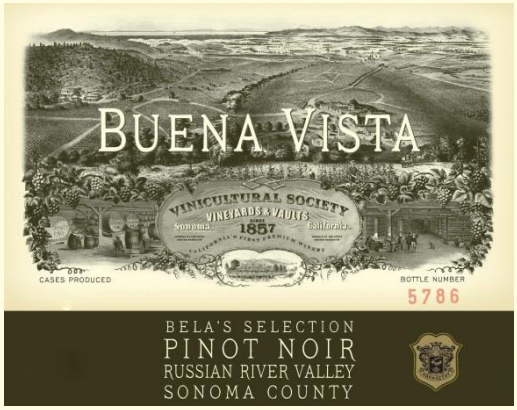
Buena Vista Winery

VINICULTURAL SOCIETY

2016
BELA'S PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY



The Buena Vista Vinicultural Society, formed in 1863 by the winery's founder, Count Agoston Haraszthy to further improve its winemaking prowess and expand its vineyards, has been restored as a collection of unique small-production wines that honor the winery's pioneering spirit and contribution to California winemaking. The Vinicultural Society explores clonal selections, varietals and the incredible terroir of Northern California.

Named for Count Haraszthy's youngest son, Bela's Selection Pinot Noir hails primarily from two vineyards, Starkey and Goodin, in the Sebastopol Hills area of the Russian River Valley. Starkey Vineyard is planted to 30+ year-old vines and includes clones 23, 828 and Pommard. Goodin Vineyard is located in the southeastern hills of the Russian River Valley which is ideal for growing Pinot Noir grapes.

Once harvested, the whole berries were basket pressed and fermented with native yeast in small open-top oak vats with hand punchdowns. The wine was aged for 12 months in 100% French oak barrels, 35% new oak, and bottled unfiltered.

Our 2016 Bela's Selection Pinot Noir opens with soft dark fruit aromas of black cherry, blackberry, black cardamom spice and a touch of earthy notes and shitake mushroom. Richly layered flavors of fresh ripe fruits spread across the palate and are complemented by balanced acidity. A nicely structed wine with silky, round tannins, this Pinot Noir has a long and smooth lingering finish.

Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.55
Total Acidity: 6.1
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