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2017 Three Sixty Pinot Noir Bucher Vineyard Russian River Valley Sonoma County

The Vineyard: Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, Bucher Vineyard was founded in 1997 by John Bucher. After graduating from UC Davis, John returned to Healdsburg to manage the family dairy farm and soon diversified into wine grapes. Additional plantings followed in 1998, 1999, 2006, 2008, and 2009. Today, Bucher Vineyard has 38 acres of sustainably farmed grapes – 36 acres of Pinot Noir on 14 distinct blocks and 2 acres of Chardonnay. The Pinot Noir blocks are comprised of several clones, as well as various rootstock.

Vintage Notes: Our 2017 Three Sixty Pinot Noir comes from two blocks in the vineyard. We sourced equal amounts of fruit from Opa's Block (Dijon 943 Clone) and Pear Tree Block (Dijon 667 Clone). Opa's Block, originally planted in 2009, was budded over to Dijon 943 Clone in 2015. The north-south facing Pear Tree Block was one of the first blocks planted on the ranch, and the only one planted with the Dijon 667 Clone. It gets excellent sun exposure in this flat, high elevation location.

Tasting Notes: From the first whiff to the persistent finish, our '17 Three Sixty offers classic Russian River Valley Pinot aromatics and flavors. Complex aromas of dark red fruit mingle with toasty oak, black tea, and a spicy minerality. Rich and silky on the mouth, the wine presents concentrated wild berry, dark cherry, and plum flavors fused with traces of spice, rose petal, and rhubarb. Firm acidity and gentle oak provide the ideal structure for this sophisticated, stylish wine.



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| Composition | 100% Pinot Noir |
| Vintage | 2017 |
| Appellation | Russian River Valley |
| Vineyard Designation | Bucher Vineyard |
| Block / Clones | Opa's Block / Dijon 943 Pear Tree / Dijon 667 |
| Harvest Dates | Aug. 25 - Sept. 2, 2017 |
| Brix | 23.6° (average) |
| Barrel Aging | 10 months in French oak |

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| Cooperage | 50% in new François Frères French oak; 50% 1-5 year-old oak barrels |
| Bottling Date | July 23, 2018 |
| Alcohol | 13.8% |
| pH | 3.58 |
| T.A. | 0.57g/100ml |
| Release Date | October 2019 |
| Production | 138 cases |

