# Wise Villa Winery 2018 Pinot Noir

## *Awards:* **Silver Medal** in SF Chronicle **& 87 Points** in Wine Enthusiast

***Our 2018 Pinot Noir displays flavors of cherry, strawberry, clove, tea leaves, herbs, vanilla, and dried roses, with a lush finish. Pairs best with pasta & cured meats.***

## Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

"Pinot Noir, originally from Burgundy, is renowned for its bright red fruit flavors combined with spicy elements and subtle herbaceous & earthy notes and moderate, smooth tannins & acid. At Wise Villa, our Pinot Noir combines the best of European tradition & American technique. 2018 was a cool vintage, allowing for full maturity of the grapes to intense flavors while retaining fresh acidity & fruit flavors. After hand-picking the grapes, we destemmed but left the berries whole, resulting in partial carbonic maceration (an internal metabolic fermentation which produces candied fruit flavors). We then fermented this wine on the skins in stainless steel tanks at a cool temperature of 65F for 3 weeks, including a 3 day cold soak and extended maceration. This extended skin contact ensured good color, spice and earthy flavor. We aged this wine on 35% new French and American oak and cherry. 100% sur lies aging and battonage (stirring of the yeast lees) contributed extra creamy, pastry flavors. The final wine is deep, rich and full of fruit, spice and vanilla notes."

---Owner & Winemaker Dr. Grover Lee & Winemaker Steven Eriksen

### *Varietals*
100% Pinot Noir

### *Apellation*
Lincoln, Placer County, Sierra Foothills

### *Climate*
Continental, warm dry days and cool nights with 40°F temperature shifts

### *Exposure*
North facing slopes

### *Trellis*
VSP

### *Destemming, Fermentation, & Pressing*
Destemmed, 3 day cold soak with natural yeast present, 11 day fermentation with punch downs, 7 day extended maceration. Pressed direct to barrels on full lees and aged 10 months.

### *Soil*
Loamy sand

### *Picked (sugar level)*
24 Brix

### *Alcohol*
12.8%

### *Acidity*
6.7 g/L total acidity & 3.54 pH

### *Aging*
35% new French & Minnesota oak & cherry wood, 65% neutral oak for 10 months on full sur lies contact with monthly stirring.

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