



KINGSTON
FAMILY
VINEYARDS
CASABLANCA CHILE

TASTING NOTES



2017 CJ'S BARREL PINOT NOIR

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| VARIETAL COMPOSITION | 100% Pinot Noir |
| PRODUCTION | 150 cases |
| ALCOHOL | 13% |
| RELEASE DATE | September 2018 |
| TYPE OF OAK | French Oak Concrete Egg Vat |
| MONTHS IN OAK | 8 Months |

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, and Sauvignon Blanc from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

Kingston also collaborates in MOVI, Chile's Movement of Independent Winemakers, whose members make small lots of artisan wines by hand.

I always love to work on the CJ's Barrel Pinot Noir. It's usually the first blend we make, and it sets the tone for the other Pinot Noirs of the vintage at Kingston Family Vineyards. Half of this wine comes from a concrete egg and the other half from 400-liter French Oak barrels.

Pinot Noir is such an expressive grape that everything that happens in the vineyard or winery later shows up in the glass (good and bad). There is never an "easy year" when it comes to Pinot, and in 2017 *Mother Nature* sent us a curveball. All of our Pinot Noir came very early.

You can tell from the aromas in the glass that 2017 was warm and dry. It has a lovely fruit character and great density on the palate. It feels so lively and vibrant. I'm enjoying a glass very much as I'm writing and I have a feeling that I will enjoy it even more in a couple of months or even years.

- Amael Orrego, Winemaker

