

PATINÉ

Winemaker: Mike Smith | Production: 169 Cases
Dijon Clone: 777 | 50% New French Oak

Vineyard

Gap's Crown Vineyard

AVA

Petaluma Gap AVA (Sonoma County)

Wine Profile

Red fruit-driven with lifted notes of baking spice and dark cherry aromatics.

Palate Impressions

There is an electricity and intensity to the fruit in this wine. It has richness and layers of depth that are highlighted by an explosion of fresh fruit in the mid-palate. The 2017 vintage shows more power and structure than the previous vintage and is highlighted by an extended and powerful finish.

Vineyard Context

At an elevation of 300-800 feet above sea level, Gap's Crown sits in the heart of the Sonoma Coast AVA. This is an extremely rocky, well-draining site with northwestern exposure, which consistently produces powerful, concentrated Pinot Noirs in a New World-style. Its proximity to the Petaluma Gap, from which its name is derived, effectively moderates temperature during warm spells in the summer and fall that enables the crop to hang into late September and October in most vintages.

Mike Smith
Winemaker

