

2017 Cortada Alta Vineyard Pinot Noir

Harvest dates: 10-4-17
Fermentation: 100% destemmed
Aging: 16 months in 100% used French oak
Bottling date: 3-8-19
Alcohol: 14.7%
48 cases produced

Cortada Alta is John Peterson's long-awaited vineyard that sits high above the Salinas Valley in the Santa Lucia Highlands. It's the highest elevation site in the entire appellation. Although the vines are young, they show a lot of promise. Sandler's first vintage at Cortada Alta, the 2017 was bottled in early March 2019. Organically farmed by Ruben Balderas, Cortada Alta is planted to 9 different clones of Pinot Noir in many different blocks, all with unique exposures. This is an exciting new project that will produce many memorable wines. Try this one in early 2020 and enjoy it through 2027.

