

2017 Madzia's Vineyard Pinot Noir

Harvest dates: 9-9 and 9-13-17
Fermentation: 100% destemmed
Aging: 16 months in 100% used French oak
Bottling date: 3-8-19
Alcohol: 14.5%
71 cases produced

Madzia's Vineyard is new to the Sandler line up for 2017. Madzia's is owned and farmed by Michael Staiger, and it is located in the Bennett Valley appellation of Sonoma County. The one-acre site is planted entirely to Dijon clone 667, one of Sandler's favorites.

2017 was for the most part an ideal growing season with plenty of winter rains, and a cool, foggy summer. Severe heat waves came in late August and early September, and changed the harvest dates at Madzia's from early October to mid-September. The fruit came off the vines in good shape, and we're pleased with the results. The fires that hit Sonoma and Napa during the second week of October forced the evacuation of the entire Bennett Valley, including Madzia's. We're happy to report the Staiger's home and vineyard survived the fires just fine.

