

MIURA

Miura (myu rä) n. 1. Derived from Don Eduardo Miura, the most famous breeder of Spanish fighting bulls; for the Spanish, Miura is a legendary name signifying nobility, boldness and power.

Miura is our program that focuses on what I feel are the best regions in California for the growing of Pinot Noir. Within each of those regions proprietor Master Sommelier Emmanuel Kemiji has selected the vineyard that best exemplifies that area stylistically and qualitatively.

2016 MIURA, PINOT NOIR, MORNING DEW RANCH, ANDERSON VALLEY

The Vineyard

This vineyard belonged to Burt Williams of Williams & Selyem fame. After Burt and Ed Selyem sold their winery in 1997, Burt decided to buy a hillside parcel and planted it in 1998. After 3 years of trying I finally convinced him to sell us about 2 acres worth of grapes starting in 2006. The wine here is the most Burgundy-like of all the Pinots made in California, as it is the coolest grape growing region in the state. Lighter, more fragrant and perfumed, with bright red fruit on the palate. We formerly used to label this vineyard as Williams Ranch, but after Burt Williams sold it in early 2016, the new owner, Dario Sattui, asked us if we would mind referring to this vineyard like everyone else that made wine from it. This wine is fermented with native yeasts, has about 20% whole clusters and is aged for 12 months in French oak barrels (50% new) before being bottled unfiltered.

The 2016

Finally after a string of drought-ridden harvests producing miniscule yields we were to garner a decent size crop. Decent that is for this vineyard because 1 ½ tons per acre is still tiny by California standards and even Grand Cru Burgundy gets 2 tons to the acre! As always this wine continues to be a model of elegance and finesse.

200 cases produced