

# 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, ROCHIOLI VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### **The Vineyard**

In 2012, after 10 years of pestering Joe and Tom Rochioli I finally received the call that I had won the lottery! For me the Rochioli Vineyard has always been ‘THE’ vineyard in Sonoma County and one of the few vineyards in California that I would term ‘Grand Cru’. This wine is fermented with native yeasts, has about 25% whole clusters and is aged for 12 months in French oak barrels (67% new) before being bottled unfiltered.

### **The 2016**

For the first time in recent memory a vintage that was normal and uneventful, something which winemakers love!

Rains during budbreak lowered yields but a moderate summer without any heat spikes close to harvest lead to beautifully ripened grapes. We only managed to massage 4 barrels from our 2 acre “Sweetwater” block- less than 1 ton per acre! Compare that to the typical 2 tons per acre you get from Burgundy Grand Cru vineyards! What we did get was an unbelievable intensity of black cherry and plums with silky tannins that makes this our best bottling to date from this renowned property.

**96 cases produced**