

GAS, FOOD, & LODGING
PINOT NOIR
POTTER VALLEY
VECINO VINEYARD
2017
pH: 3.43
TA: 6.5 g/L
11.2% Alcohol
Cases: 363



“Gas, Food, & Lodging” is the Folk Machine’s 10th vintage of Vecino Vineyard Potter Valley Pinot Noir. The drive into Potter Valley is idyllic with its old farmhouses, scattered vineyards, grazing livestock, and forested hillsides. I always feel a little of the weight of life lift when I make the turn from Hwy 20.

Luke Miller has been a friend and an incredibly reliable and diligent grower of ours since 2007. True to our romantic European notions of grapegrowing, Luke and Vecino are inseparable. He is a man with a vineyard and a man who is always thinking about his vineyard. He is obsessed with understanding what is going on and growing the best grapes that the site can. The 40 acres are almost entirely personally tended by him and just one other person. The attention to detail and meticulous care is why the wine is consistent and always improving.

We harvested roughly 50% each of clones Pommard and 115 the morning of September 6th, a welcome bit later than the 2015 and 2016. Like the last few vintages, we have been incorporating more stems into the fermentation, 70% this vintage, leaving 30% to be destemmed. And then, I always say, the work in a way ended there. There was no cold soak, no inoculation, no additions of any kind, and very few punchdowns. Some carbonic aromas made their way to the top of the tank, the cap got funky, and eventually, the fermentation began, then finished, and the wine was pressed to barrels. The malolactic fermentation, also uninoculated, went through in barrels and wine was kept on the lees until bottling.

The Vecino Vineyard is certified organic by CCOF and Biodynamic by Demeter. It sits at 700 feet above sea level in between Lake Pillsbury and Lake Mendocino.

The 2017 (like the 2007) label was designed by Jay Ryan in Chicago, Illinois.

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