

# Stag's Hollow Vineyard Pinot Noir 2016

## Wine Description

Slightly more masculine in style than our Shuttleworth Creek Vineyard Pinot Noir, our Estate grown fruit benefits from a warmer, west-facing aspect, which allows for a riper and richer fruit profile. The dark fruit-forwardness is balanced by an elegant backbone of acidity that brings a litheness to this structured Pinot.

## Food Pairings

Classic: roast chicken, rack of lamb, beef wellington, roast pork with fennel, mushroom dishes (mushroom risotto), roast or grilled lobster, venison, cassoulet, turkey dinner, beef tenderloin.

Adventurous: blue cheese (the stinkier, the better), enchiladas, Chinese dishes, salmon, rich milk chocolate.

## Vintner's Comments

The Stag's Hollow estate vineyard has a very unique and interesting geological history. Kettle holes are fluvioglacial landforms occurring as a result of blocks of ice calving from the front of a receding glacier and becoming partially to wholly buried by glacial outwash. The Hollow remained after the ice age retreated. Stony glacial fluvial soils (otherwise known as gravel) left behind after this retreat, are ideal for growing grapes and creating wines with intensity. The Pinot Noir blocks, now exceeding 22 years of age, are on the southwest facing slopes of the Hollow. These blocks pick up significant solar radiation that allows for consistent ripening even in difficult vintages. Without question, this phenomena has created one of the most distinctive landscapes in the Okanagan Valley.

## Winemaking

The grapes were 100% destemmed, without crushing, leaving as much whole berry fruit as possible. After a 48 hour cold soak, the juice was warmed and inoculated with selected yeasts. Hand punchdowns started at 3 times daily and tapered off to once a day as tannins progressed. Free run juice was drained off and the skins were pressed off after 11 days of skin contact into 228L & 300L French oak barrels (13% new).

## Aging Potential

Approachable now but best from late 2019 - 2023.

## Stats

<b>Vineyards</b>	Stag's Hollow Estate Vineyard – Okanagan Falls (Gravels & sandy loam)
<b>Blend</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Harvest Dates</b>	October 1, 2016
<b>TA</b>	5.59 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.65
<b>Date Bottled</b>	June 2018
<b>Date Released</b>	August 2018
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	0.6 g/l
<b>Alcohol Content</b>	14.2%
<b>Bottle Size</b>	750 ml