

2016 Capiaux Chimera Pinot Noir

Russian River Valley, Sonoma

Chimera is one of my earliest wines, the name taken from Greek mythology... "a monster comprised of three different animals" as is depicted on the label. Originally blended from three vineyards back in 2001, I now have access to several excellent Russian River vineyard sources that boost its quality.

Entwined aromas of ripe cherry, pomegranate and cranberry on the nose, followed by baking spices and wonderful blackberry component. A bright ruby/purple color intensity with a big and bold mouthful of flavors like plum, cola, strawberry preserves are held together with velvety tannins and bright acidity.

They say “fences make good neighbors” but I argue that Chimera seals a better deal!

Appellation: Russian River

Vineyards:

48% Starscape Vineyard, Russian River

29% Sale Vineyard, Russian River

8% Widdoes Vineyard, Russian River

7% Pisoni Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands

5% Garys’ Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands

3% Wilson Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

Harvest Date: August 25–September 22

Brix @ Harvest: 25.1 - 26.5

Bottling Date: August 2017

pH: 3.73

Release Date: March 2018

TA (g/l): 6.3



Aging:	French oak, 15% new
Alcohol:	14.5
Months Aging:	11
Production:	1063 cases
Suggested Retail:	\$30

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