

# 2018 Capiaux Widdoes Vineyard Pinot Noir

Appellation: 100% Russian River (Green Valley sub-appellation)

I've had access to Widdoes Vineyard for 25 years; named for its owner, Don Widdoes, and farmed by Dutton Ranch who planted the Martini clone in 1982. The soil is quintessential Russian River Goldridge fine sandy loam. Located just West of the little town of Graton, it is a magical location for pinot noir. The fog rolls in first and burns off late in this Green Valley sub-appellation.

2018 Widdoes swirls as medium dark red in the glass with a purple hue and core. On the nose, cranberries and root beer lead into a mouthful of black cherries and pomegranate with classic Russian River plum and forest floor undertones. Nicely structured tannins.

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“...emerges from a site in the Green Valley district of the Russian River Valley, where the cooler micro-climate yields Pinot of real energy. Sweet black cherry, plum, mint, graphite, spice and licorice imbue the 2018 with a distinctly brooding feel. I would give the Widdoes a few years in the bottle to fully come together, as the Martini clone aromatics are not quite as expressive today as they typically are.”

Vineyard:	100% Widdoes
Harvest date:	October 1st
Brix @ harvest:	24.6
Bottling date:	August 2019
pH:	3.64
Release date:	April 2020
TA (g/l):	6.4
Aging:	French oak (25% new)
Alcohol:	14.0
Months aging:	11 months
Production:	100 cases
Retail:	\$42

