



2016 ALAZAN PINOT NOIR

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| VARIETAL COMPOSITION | 100% Pinot Noir |
| PRODUCTION | 365 cases |
| ALCOHOL | 12.5% |
| RELEASE DATE | September 2017 |
| TYPE OF OAK | French Oak Concrete Egg Vat |
| MONTHS IN OAK | 8 Months |
| RATING | 90 pts, Robert Parker |

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, and Sauvignon Blanc from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

Kingston also collaborates in MOVI, Chile's Movement of Independent Winemakers, whose members make small lots of artisan wines by hand.

Making wine is a journey. The Kingston Pinot Noirs have evolved significantly in the 14 years since our first vintage, and continue to do so. Generations from now, we will have established our own traditions of grape growing and winemaking. Working towards that goal is exciting, and the more open minded we are, the more rewarding it is.

The 2016 Alazan is one of the least extracted but most fruit-rich and energetic Alazans to date. It is forward and honest. Like all the Kingston Pinot Noirs, it shows little oak influence although most of it is raised in French oak cooperage. It sits in the red, rather than black fruit camp. There is an interesting note of spice that comes from the whole bunches and stems we use in the fermentations, as well as a note best described as RedHots™ candy, which may sound funny but gives the wine great liveliness. It suggests interesting things to come with a bit of age.

I think this wine would do well with sophisticated fare with earthy/savory notes. In addition to its friendly, open personality, there is something classy about it too.

- Byron Kosuge, Consulting Winemaker

