



2018 TOBIANO PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
PRODUCTION	647 cases
ALCOHOL	12.5%
RELEASE DATE	September 2019
TYPE OF OAK	French
MONTHS IN OAK	8 Months
RATING	91 pts, James Suckling

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.

While pondering what I was going to write about the 2018 Tobiano Pinot Noir I came across the notes I wrote for the 2007 Tobiano. I wrote that it was “deeply colored and intense...slightly more tannic and “big” than the Alazan.” It strikes me that our Pinot Noirs have done an almost 180 degree about face since those early years. While the vineyard is the same and the way in which we sort through the lots in order to put together the blends is much as it was from the beginning, the wines—through a process of evolution in both style and preference—have changed dramatically.

One would never describe the 2018 Tobiano as tannic or big. Freshness and perfume have replaced intensity and extract is the defining trait of the Tobiano, in fact, of all the Kingston wines. 2018 was a mild, forgiving growing season and this is reflected in the easy charm of the Tobiano. In the aromas it reminds me of an Oregon Pinot Noir, with notes of iron, smoke and mineral. On the palate it is juicy and taut with a nice core of red fruit that becomes more apparent with air. It's got lots of energy and will shine with all sorts of summery fare.

- Byron Kosuge, Consulting Winemaker

