



Fall 2018

Dear Siduri Wine Club Members,

As I write this we are in the early stage of the 2018 harvest – my 25th harvest as a winemaker. Aside from how tired I already am, in almost every other way it seems like I just started make wine yesterday. Harvest is my favorite time of year and I love it as much now as I did back in 1994.

Of course, this isn't 1994, and I've learned a lot from my experiences making Pinot Noir. However, there is always more to learn. In 2016, I was expecting a lower crop year due to the drought (much like 2015). Instead, the vintage surprised me with a slightly larger than normal crop. And some of the wines seemed more structured than I anticipated, especially early in their life. Over time, these 2016s have dropped some of that structure and the fruit seems to have come to the forefront. The wines, quite frankly, have universally surprised me on the positive side. I now think of 2016 as one of the finest vintages in recent years.

All of which means that you are in for a treat with this Wine Club Offering. From Oregon all the way down to the Sta. Rita Hills, the 2016 vintage is providing treat after treat. I hope you enjoy these wines as much as I do, and open them with a special meal, a special person, or even on a special night by yourself (but there's something special about sharing a really good bottle of wine).

Thank you for your continued support of Siduri. Please come by to see us when you are in the area – we'd love to host you and share our wines with you in person.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam Lee".

Adam Lee and everyone at SIDURI wines

12 Bottle Club Babylon

Below is a list of the wines in this 2018 Fall Club Shipment. As a 12 Bottle Club Babylon member you will receive a 20% discount off the retail prices. The total member cost is \$544 before taxes and shipping.

	Retail	Club
2016 SIDURI Hawks View Pinot Noir – 2 Btls Willamette Valley	\$45	\$36
2016 SIDURI Zena Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir – 1 Btl Willamette Valley	\$65	\$52
2016 SIDURI Lingenfelder Vineyard Pinot Noir - 2 Btls Russian River Valley	\$55	\$44
2016 SIDURI Ewald Vineyard Pinot Noir – 2 Btls Russian River Valley	\$55	\$44
2016 SIDURI Gary’s Vineyard Pinot Noir – 2 Btls Santa Lucia Highlands	\$65	\$52
2016 SIDURI Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir – 1 Btl Santa Lucia Highlands	\$65	\$52
2016 SIDURI Rosella’s Vineyard Pinot Noir – 2 Btls Santa Lucia Highlands	\$55	\$44

6 Bottle Club Babylon

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Tasting Notes

2016 Hawks View Vineyard Pinot Noir

In the Chehalem Mountains AVA, where Hawks View Vineyard is located, the fantastic 2016 growing season provided the wines with something they often seem to be missing – weight and depth. The Chehalem Mountains always produces lively wines, with lots of red fruit flavors. But in 2016, these red fruits are balanced out with more concentration and hints of darker flavors as well. We also worked to add some complexity to this wine through the use of whole clusters in the fermentation. This led to more herbal aspects as well as some hints of earth. We love this Pinot Noir for drinking now with food. It should age incredibly well, but there are a multitude of reasons to pop a bottle now.

2016 Zena Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir

The 2016 vintage in Oregon was, quite simply, the finest Oregon Pinot Noir vintage we have ever experienced. That's not easy to say after the outstanding quality of the 2014 and 2015 vintages, but as time has progressed, this has become increasingly clear. The wines from the 2016 vintage show concentration and yet freshness, weight and yet liveliness. In short, they are everything you would want in Oregon Pinot Noir. The 2016 Siduri Zena's Crown Vineyard is a good example of this – with the wine possessing fantastic dark fruit character which could veer it into the overly heavy camp, and yet it is magically fresh and vibrant on the finish.

2016 Lingenfelder Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Lingenfelder Vineyard is always the last vineyard that we pick in the Russian River, and oftentimes the last vineyard we pick in all of California. Some of this is because of the clonal mix – Pommard and Martini clones – non-Dijon selections that ripen later in and of themselves. And some of this later ripening has to do with the unique location of the Lingenfelder Vineyard, in a low-lying section of a colder part of the Russian River Valley. This combination of site and clones produces a particularly distinctive wine. With the Pommard clone we used about 40% whole clusters, which gives a brightness and lift to the wine, while the Martini clone provides a darker, deeper element to the mid-palate. These two parts sometimes take some time to integrate, so we'd recommend six months or so in the cellar, but with just a little bit of time this will be a wonderfully complete wine.

2016 Ewald Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Ewald Vineyard has become a rather unique offering in the Siduri portfolio. Over the years, we've learned a great deal about the fruit here and we've discovered two things about how to make the wine – things that are somewhat unusual and very definitive. First off, the Ewald Vineyard doesn't like to be picked too ripe. Now, it doesn't make a bad wine when we pick it on the riper side – it just makes a wine that tastes like a good, but somewhat generic Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. But if you pick it on the earlier side, it produces a wine with wonderfully distinctive character and a verve that is unmistakable. Secondly, the Ewald Vineyard Pinot Noir doesn't like new oak. A little bit is okay, but too much new oak overwhelms the wine. We've been working for several years now at fine-tuning this and 2016 is one of those years where we hit it pretty spot on. The 2016 Ewald Vineyard Pinot Noir represents what we can do at Ewald

Vineyard when the vintage is extremely good, and when we make the right picking and winemaking decisions. This wonderfully red-fruited Pinot Noir shows great concentration and complexity, but also a restraint that makes this wine a fantastic candidate for some time in the cellar.

2016 Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Garys' Vineyard is a little like Peyton Manning. Okay, so maybe that seems like a stretch – but here's our thinking. Peyton has an older brother (Cooper) and a younger brother (Eli). The Garys' Vineyard has an older brother (Pisoni Vineyard) and a younger brother (Soberanes Vineyard). Each of the Manning brothers is a star in their own right, and each of these vineyards is a star as well...but somehow the Garys' Vineyard (and Peyton) may have made a particular impression on people. Over the last few years, the Garys' Vineyard has definitely moved up to MVP Status as far as California Pinot Noir Vineyards is concerned. We take two rather disparate sections of this vineyard and pick each section when they are ideal. Some years the section at the bottom of the vineyard comes first, other times the top part of the vineyard ripens earlier. We produce two different Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noirs and then blend only the best barrels together to produce a truly compelling wine. In 2016, the difficult part was coming up with barrels to eliminate. The overall quality of the wines was truly outstanding as this 2016 Siduri Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir shows a richer, fuller-body than in previous vintages. It is a serious wine that truly demonstrates that being the middle child can be special.

2016 Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir

The 2016 Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir reminds us a bit of an “old-school Pisoni.” What exactly do we mean by that? Early in the life of the Pisoni Vineyard (Siduri started at Pisoni in 1997), the wines were particularly big and dark – so much so, that people began to question whether the “Pisoni selection” of Pinot Noir was Syrah of some sort. In hindsight that was rather ridiculous, but the character of the wine was certainly unique. As the vines at the Pisoni Vineyard have aged, the wine has mellowed a bit (perhaps we all mellow a bit with time?) and there's no longer a question as to whether the wine is actually Pinot Noir. There's more complexity in the wine now and even a bit of grace. And while all of this is fantastic, there's still a slight sense of nostalgia for the older days. Well, 2016 provides something of that character. Much like all of us can still occasionally pull off a wild night on the town, this wine shows the big, rich character that made Pisoni Vineyard such a hit. Tons of ripe fruit, a rich, full body, and noticeable structure make this a Pinot Noir to be reckoned with.

2016 Rosellas Vineyard Pinot Noir

Rosella's Vineyard is closer to the northern end of the Santa Lucia Highlands Appellation and thus closer to the Monterey Bay. This means that it is notably cooler than our other Santa Lucia Highlands single-vineyard sites. In some years, this means that harvest can stretch into mid-October, but in the early ripening 2016 vintage we finished picking all the fruit at the end of September, still a couple of weeks later than much of the SLH. This cooler location always leads to a wine of more elegance and grace. Early in the life of this 2016 Siduri Rosella's we didn't quite see those characteristics but as the wine has aged it has grown more elegant. Loads of

red fruits, hints of herbs (from the whole clusters on the Pommard clone) and a long, beautiful finish make this a perfect wine to open tonight.