

## MAXEM

2018 PINOT NOIR, UV VINEYARD, SONOMA COAST

### TASTING NOTES

Electric waves of crimson adorn the glass in this fabulous offering from one of California's most revered vineyard landscapes. Energetic aromas of pomegranate, wild blueberries, rhubarb, bergamot, blood orange and Earl Gray tea lead into a tension-filled palate of crunchy red berries, wet stone, river rock and dried purple flowers delivering a liquid wonderland for the senses. Harnessed by the cool climate of the terroir, the fruit's natural acidity sits on the finish for what seems like days, all wrapped in a luscious texture that defies logic and will have your palate swooning with delight. Aged in 60% new French oak, this wine perfectly bridges the gap between seduction and sophistication, showcasing the balanced beauty that can only come from the marriage of superlative fruit and the perfect site.

### TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Sam & Nancy Kaplan
WINEMAKER	Sam Kaplan
VARIETAL	100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Sonoma Coast AVA
VINEYARDS	Ulises Valdez Vineyards
PRODUCTION	250 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.8%



### BACKGROUND

In Latin, MAXEM has the distinction of meaning "best of the best." It also combines our two children's names, Max and Emma. With the Ulises Valdez Vineyard as our source, we make Pinot Noir from the historical Calera clone and Chardonnay from the equally acclaimed Wente clone. Sam is winemaker; Nancy, with her laser palate, has an equal say. The grapes lend themselves to the style of wines we both love: exquisitely balanced with bright acids and high tones yet richly textured and possessing full depth of flavor. It is our palates that have driven us here, to this style of wine and especially to the amazing UV Vineyard.