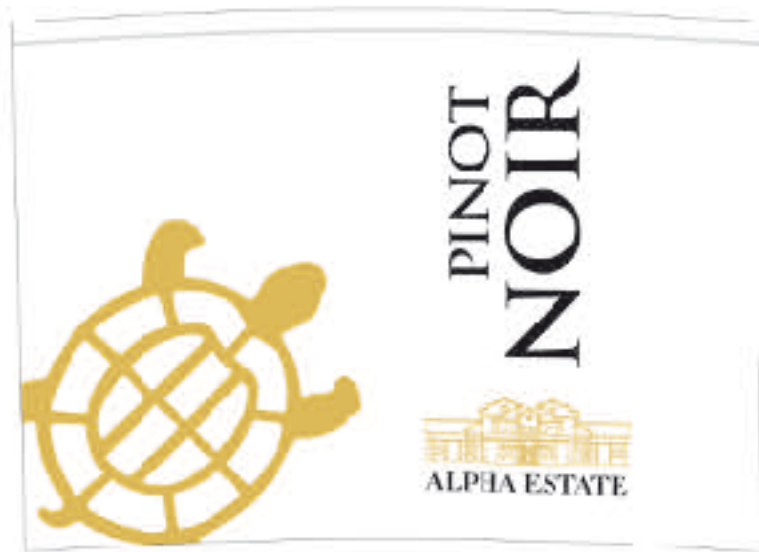


Alpha Estate Pinot Noir 2016



90 points



The 2016 Pinot Noir Ecosystem Strofi Single Block was aged for 12 months in new French barriques and comes in at 13.55% alcohol, a drop from last year's. Another Ecosystem wine, it is from the Strofi block at 620 to 710 meters above sea level. The color is modest, but you shouldn't care. Seductive and very appealing, this understated Pinot features silky texture and black fruit that turns more to raspberries as this sits in the glass. The tannins are modest, but the wine has a bright and lively feel to it. The finish is respectably long, dry and still flavorful. This impeccably balanced Pinot is styled for Burgundy lovers. Alpha is pretty close to getting this grape exactly right.