

	Retail	Savings
\$24.99	\$28.00	11%

2016 Jax Vineyards 'Y3' Pinot Noir product-timed-pdf - Russian River Valley, CA - Cult Winemaker Kirk Venge | Burgundy-Inspired

Why We're Drinking It

Brother and sister team, Trent and Kimberly Jackson collaborated with their vintner “green thumb” father to found their first label in 1996. Over time the two identified their unique niche among next generation wine enthusiasts. Outliers from the dominating short list of old school napa wineries, the two saw an opportunity to buck the “en vogue” winemaking style of their day to focus on the unique terroir of their family vineyard. After all, “change comes first at a small scale driven by the smaller more nimble producers.”

Soon after, cult Winemaker Kirk Venge was recruited to create balanced wines reflecting varietal character and a sense of place. Passionate about vineyard sites, integral to clone and root stalk selections, and now 15 years in, Kirk has reinforced their instinct that focus should always be on “sense of place” to understand the nuances that allows great wine to be made.

To differentiate from their small lot single vineyard Jax line, they launched “Y3” to scale and offer more “true to varietal” wines from various AVAs (spanning Napa and Sonoma). The “Y3” symbol was the cattle symbol used on their grandparents’ cattle ranch, Yarrayne. The “3” represents three generations of land tilling entrepreneurs.

From Proprietors Kimberly Jackson, Trent Jackson, & Dan Parrott: *Many years, we have looked at Pinot Noir as a distant fantasy....a varietal that we always loved but knew would be a difficult tackle. Not only is it a highly finicky grape requiring a milder climate, but also we know that Pinot lovers are “die hard” fans wed to a very specific style. As hot climate Napa Valley vintners, we knew that we could not force our hand until the opportunity presented itself. Fast forward and along came our CEO Dan Parrott who had worked with some of the best producers in Burgundy before jumping on board at JAX. Dan inspired us to find the right vineyard and achieve a killer Pinot!*

Tasting Notes

Burgundian in style, coats the tongue with plum, fig, overripe cherries, and a touch of oak. Seductive and focused, this wine offers a lingering suppleness and elegant earthy character through the finish. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, this wine will shine over the next 5-7 years.

VARIETAL
100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION
Russian River Valley
ALCOHOL
14.10
SIZE
750ml
BLEND
100% Pinot Noir
PRODUCTION
2000 Cases

Reviews

Wine Enthusiast: *This value-driven wine is juicy up front in dark cherry cola flavors complemented by orange-peel-laden acidity. Its structure is moderate and approachably round.*

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate:

The 2016 Pinot Noir Jax Y3 is pale to medium ruby-purple colored with notes of tar, fertile loam and chargrill over a core

of black cherries and warm plums. Medium-bodied with a tart, refreshing line and chewy texture supporting the juicy, uncomplicated flavors, it finishes on a stewed-tea note. (LPB)