

Loring Wine Company 2017 Clos Pepe Vineyard Pinot Noir

Wine Details

AVA Sta. Rita Hills

Clones 115, 777

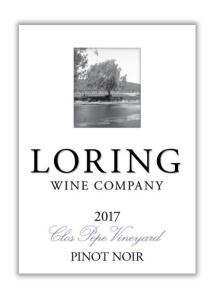
Alcohol 14.3 %

pH 3.59

Barrel Program Aged 10 Months in

French Oak (15% New)

Cases Produced 500



Clos Pepe Vineyard is in the northern valley of the Sta. Rita Hills. Planted in sandy soils, the fruit is very deep, well structured, and shows a lot of white pepper and baking spice character.

Reviews

PinotFile 94 Points

Moderate garnet color in the glass. Uplifting aromas of black cherry and spice rub lead to a mid weight plus styled wine with a generous core of delicious black cherry and purple berry fruit. Supple tannins provide marvelous support and the energetic acidity adds vigor. A compelling wine with an extremely long finish.

California Grapevine 92 Points

Medium-light to medium ruby color; attractive, deep, fragrant, floral, raspberry and cherry fruit aroma with hints of rose petal, forest floor, and Asian spices; medium to medium-full body; rich, fleshy, elegantly styled, red fruit flavors with good depth and concentration, bright acidity, and a plush, velvety mouthfeel; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very appealing to taste now, though deserving a few more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended.

Connoisseurs' Guide 90 Points

This mannerly, nicely focused young Pinot musters a fair sense of richness while drawing well back from excess and emphasizes fairly pure, cherry-like fruit as its central theme, and, if never an especially big wine or dramatic wine, it earns high marks for its structure and fruity insistency. It is in no way rough or ragged, even though very young, and is sure to tempt short-term drinking thanks to its considerable fruity charm, yet its balance is that of a wine that will grow.

Wine Enthusiast 91 Points