



## *B. Kosuge Wines*

### **2016 Hirsch Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir**

2016 was a good year to be a grapevine--after four years of drought, the winter of 2015-2016 finally gave us a bit of rain. The growing season, although somewhat warm and early, was forgiving and the fruit came in the door in excellent shape across the board. And there was a reasonable quantity too--after the tiny yields of 2015, it was nice to have some fruit to work with in 2016.

But the best part of the vintage became obvious later on, in the winter after the wines were in barrel. When I tasted through the wines I was repeatedly struck by how tense and energetic they were--tension may be bad for people but it's beautiful in wine. And it's rare in California.

My 2016 Hirsch, like the last several vintages, has a lot of Hirsch-ness. That vineyard, like its namesake owner, has a lot of personality. Aromatics like no other California vineyard, structure and depth. Add the nerve and liveliness of the 2016 vintage and you have a pretty special wine indeed. I bottled 100 cases. \$58/bottle.

48 cases