

SEABOLD

Pinot Noir

BROSSEAU 2017

Seabold Cellars was established in the Monterey Bay region because cool-climate organic and sustainable vineyards produce balanced wines that showcase their origin more than their winemaking. Our approach is as hands-off as possible, respecting traditional techniques and practices without being beholden to them. We produce non-interventionist, site-specific Burgundy and Rhône varieties, as seen through a California lens.



VINEYARD

Brosseau

FARMING

Organic

40+ years vine age

SOIL

Limestone and granite over a volcanic rock base

REGION

Chalone

VARIETY

Pinot Noir

AGING

15 months in neutral barrique and new (20%) puncheon

NUMBERS

*abv 13.7 TA 6.8 pH 3.43
156 cases produced*

BROSSEAU

Planted in 1978, when there were no roads to facilitate the arduous journey to the top of this high plateau. Sitting at 1600' elevation, Brosseau is subject to cool, foggy mornings with warm afternoons and very cold diurnal shifts. The terrain and soils are remarkably complex and varied, and really more a collection of 6-7 unique sites than a single vineyard in the truest sense.

Approximately 23 million years ago, the San Andreas Fault ripped a volcano in half, and in doing so, pushed a marine seabed up to the top of a mountain. Hardly tamed since its violent birth, Chalone is a land out of time. Part of the Pinnacles National Park, the area has a rustic beauty that remains almost untouched by human hands.

THE SWALE

A swale is a small valley. Owing to its elevation, the morning fog collects here and burns off an hour or so later than the surrounding vines, stretching the ripening window for longer hang time without additional brix accumulation.

ÉLEVAGE

Hand-harvested at night. Grapes are hand-sorted at the winery; this vintage allowed for 30% whole cluster retention. Native yeast fermentation takes place in stainless steel, then transferred to barriques and puncheons. After 15 months of aging, the wine is racked and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Our first bottling from Brosseau, the 2017 displays notes of blue plum, black cherry, and red licorice. Some aeration brings out cinnamon, clove, and savory herbs layered on top of a velvety, crushed-berry palate. Very long finish, and meant for serious cellar aging.

