

# BIRICHINO



## 2017 SAINT GEORGES PINOT NOIR

The 2017 continues our string of savory, silky, and aromatic vintages of pinot noir, emblematic more of Birichino World, than Old or New.

As with the first vintage back in 2011, George Besson's vineyard in the lee of the Santa Cruz Mountains plays a starring role. A field-grafted, rockier, steeper section of his site now lends additional support to its bright, lifted, red-fruited floral hallmark. With the main block at Besson nearing thirty, its great natural balance and even maturation has allowed us to include an increasing proportion of whole clusters. Finally, several barrels of our Chalone pinots on their schistous and volcanic, granitic and limestone soils respectively civilize and invigorate the final blend. As always, this wine was vinified under the mysterious and prismatic auspices of wild yeast and bottled without filtration, and a third of the volume fermented and aged in cement while we entrusted our quite old barriques for the remainder.

-Alex and John

**Release Date:** Winter 2018  
**Composition:** Pinot Noir 100%  
**Appellation:** Central Coast

