



2016 TOBIANO PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
PRODUCTION	860 cases
ALCOHOL	12.5%
RELEASE DATE	September 2017
TYPE OF OAK	French
MONTHS IN OAK	8 Months

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, and Sauvignon Blanc from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

Kingston also collaborates in MOVI, Chile's Movement of Independent Winemakers, whose members make small lots of artisan wines by hand.

The older I get, the more drawn I am to wines like our 2016 Tobiano.

Tobiano is our “fun” wine, more for enjoying than scrutinizing. The 2016 has an almost Beaujolais-like, gulpable quality that would make it completely at home with bistro fare or a picnic. The kind where you toss a checkered cloth and a baguette into the basket on your bicycle and ride to your favorite spot. It tastes bright, light red. It smells fresh, a mix of herbs, flowers, and berries that are not too sweet. Fresh, tart and lively on entry. There is no discernible oak to get in the way. It is aged primarily in barrels, but most of them older and aromatically neutral. A bit of a departure from our earlier Pinots in that it's squarely in the lean, nervy camp. This is the 2016 vintage – our winemaking response to what the vines gave us.

A lot of things have come together at Kingston Family Vineyards in the last few years. The vines have reached an age where they are naturally balanced and more consistent in yield and quality. We have fine-tuned our combination of small barrels, larger casks and concrete tanks to better develop and preserve the wines. The result in 2016 is a Tobiano that is enjoyable, versatile and refreshing.

- Byron Kosuge, Consulting Winemaker

