



KINGSTON
FAMILY
VINEYARDS
CASABLANCA CHILE

TASTING NOTES



2017 TOBIANO PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
PRODUCTION	740 cases
ALCOHOL	12.5%
RELEASE DATE	September 2018
TYPE OF OAK	French
MONTHS IN OAK	8 Months
RATING	93 pts, James Suckling

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.

Delicate is a word I don't often use when talking about the Kingston Pinot Noirs. But delicate is the best descriptor I have to describe the 2017 Tobiano. Pretty is another. Our wines in the past, as wines from young vines often are, were bigger and a little more rambunctious than they are now.

I often say that the better the grapes, the less you need to work them during fermentation and extraction. As the vines have matured, the wines have definitely improved, the flavors more consistent, persistent and confident. That may seem like an odd way to describe a wine, but I see it again and again with mature vineyards. They become better at what they do.

Like the 2016, the 2017 Tobiano is more nervy and linear than past vintages. Pinot Noir in the Kingston vineyard likes being extracted with a light hand. The color is light garnet red. It smells of red fruits, with light herbal notes and a lovely juicy mouthfeel. It says drink me!

- Byron Kosuge, Consulting Winemaker

