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DOMINION TANTARA 2016 'CUVÉE JEANNETTE' PINOT NOIR

Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County

101 Cases
Produced

Nestled in one of the most picturesque and storied winegrowing regions in California, Dominion Tantara (originally Tantara Winery) began as a partnership between two friends and winemakers in 1997. Bill Cates and Jeff Fink, both from Virginia, shared a dream of building a world-class winery in California, and made it their mission to see it through. Today, while the ownership has changed hands, Santa Barbara County's Dominion Tantara crafts some of the finest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on California's Central Coast.

Both Bill and Jeff had notably diverse backgrounds. Bill worked through a number of professions including horse training, construction, photography, and theatrical copy writing. He even took up organic farming during the 1970's and spent time growing American hybrid grapes while making homemade wine. Jeff, on the other hand, dabbled in music, sailing, and architecture. When the two met in the mid-1970's, they discovered a shared love of Pinot Noir and decided to one day create a world-class wine of their own.

That time came in 1997. Jeff Fink had the opportunity to work with fruit from the Central Coast's Laetitia Vineyard and Bien Nacido Vineyard and he was blown away by the quality of the fruit and knew this was the best location for their future winery endeavors. The journey to making the finest Central Coast Pinot Noir was finally on its way.

The name for the winery came from a horse Bill had owned while living in Virginia. At one point, Tantara was not expected to live much longer and she was retired to pasture. She ended up defying the odds and lived a long and healthy life. Horses also often symbolize elegance, grace and power - all of which are qualities embraced in Tantara's portfolio of extraordinary wines.

Over the years, Tantara Winery gained incredible critical acclaim for its wines, which were all produced from the most distinguished vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Maria Valley, and Santa Lucia Highlands. The increasingly focused portfolio of vineyard-designate wines continues to garner prestigious ratings and awards from the industry's top periodicals and competitions.

Eventually, both Bill Cates and Jeff Fink departed the winery to pursue other interests, and the entity was sold to Carlos Coelho, an enthusiastic and passionate Argentinian who is also the owner of an incredibly successful winery in Hungary (Haraszthy Vineyards). He works closely with Keith Nakamura, Tantara's COO, and esteemed winemaker Rick Hill to continue Tantara's high profile reputation on the Central Coast. The winery also eventually changed names to Dominion Tantara, marking a fresh start for the new ownership.

Winemaker Rick Hill, who has been associated with Tantara since the beginning, has an undeniable passion for Pinot Noir and a great respect for the Central Coast winegrowing region. His dedication to sourcing only the highest quality fruit and commitment to producing world-class wines continues to elevate Dominion Tantara's presence on the Central Coast. We applaud their efforts and hope you enjoy their latest achievement. Cheers!

Accolades and Tasting Notes

Gold Medal Special Selection

Tantara's 2016 'Cuvée Jeannette' Pinot Noir comes from the esteemed Tondre Grapefield Vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands of Monterey. A blend of three Pinot Noir clones, this cuvée offers aromas of earthy plum, clove, and allspice, and a core of Red cherry and red currant flavors on the silky smooth, well-balanced palate. A long finish offers hints of vanilla. Aged 16 months in oak. 100% Pinot Noir. Enjoy!



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