



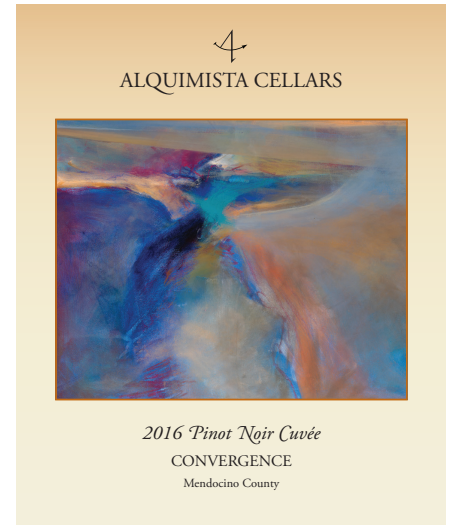
ALQUIMISTA CELLARS

Vintage 2016 Convergence Pinot Noir Cuvée - Mendocino County

This is our initial offering of “Convergence”, a blend of 3 different vineyards in Mendocino County. Manchester Ridge is the anchor, a vineyard overlooking the Pacific Ocean at 2200’ above the plains holding back the sea. The Oppenlander Vineyard is an isolated site first cleared from redwood forests by a Scandinavian adventurer in the late 1800s near the hamlet of Comptche in NW Mendo Co. The 3rd element is the Haiku Vineyard, an organically and impeccably-farmed plot near the headwaters of the Russian River in upper Mendocino by Mary Fetzer & son Tyler.

The 2016 season was ideal, with just a touch of heat in the last week of August (blowtorch in the inland areas, though). Only the Haiku vineyard was affected somewhat by this heat, with the other 2 vineyards being picked in mid-to-late October. This was a dry year, with small clusters predominating yielding dark, supple tannins & flavors predominating.

Manchester Ridge benefitted from use of Chardonnay lees in the 2 barrels of new oak, these barrels having been fermented in the Manchester Chard. The remainder of all the vineyard-designate barrels were once and twice-used French oak, with all wines being transferred to barrels on pressing before primary fermentation was finished. This yielded soft, supple, round blending components that, with extended time in barrel, produced a “come hither, drink now” wine that will be enjoyed upon release as well as patient cellaring for those who want to explore the nuances of what age brings....



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Technical Data

- **Apellation:** Mendocino County
- **Clones:** Dijon 114/115/777, Pommard, Swan
- **Fermentation:** All native (uninoculated)
- **Barrel Aging:** 19 months *sur lies* in French Oak, 10% new
- **Production:** 168 Cases, \$54 per bottle, retail
- **Analysis**
 - **Alcohol:** 14.2%
 - **pH:** 3.56
 - **TA:** 6.11 g/L