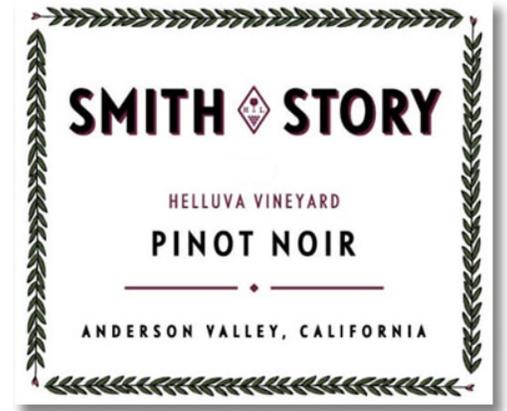


# CLUB CRUSH PINOT *July Shipment (#4 - 2019)*

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## **SMITH STORY 2016 PINOT NOIR HELLUVA VINEYARD ANDERSON VALLEY, MENDOCINO**

In 2013, Eric Story and Ali Smith Story co-founded Russian River Valley-based Smith Story Wine Cellars out of a desire to make the kind of wine that “wine people” drink. Both came from wine industry backgrounds, and their palates remain well attuned to both the sublime and the delicious – at every price. They dreamed of starting a wine project that could produce wines that were both attractive and approachable...but that wouldn't require a savant to enjoy them.



[www.SmithStoryWineCellars.com](http://www.SmithStoryWineCellars.com)

Working on a wine-industry budget, the duo tapped into the support of their extensive networks, successfully launching Smith Story Wine Cellars on Kickstarter in 2014. Their campaign was called “Farmers First,” and the very first American winery to be crowdfunded was born. The wines begin with the land, places that are special to Eric and Ali in Northern California, from twelve family owned vineyards throughout Sonoma Valley, Sonoma Coast, Russian River Valley, Knights Valley, Pine Mountain, Anderson Valley and the Rheingau region of Germany.

**TASTING NOTES:** Beautifully fresh but intense. A bit shy now, hints of ripe cherries, fresh cranberry and dark blackberry notes. A graceful and delicate pinot noir you are going to love (again!). A beautiful example of a cool climate Pinot Noir with great balanced fruit and acidity. Cellar this for a few years if you dare.

Production: 400 cases

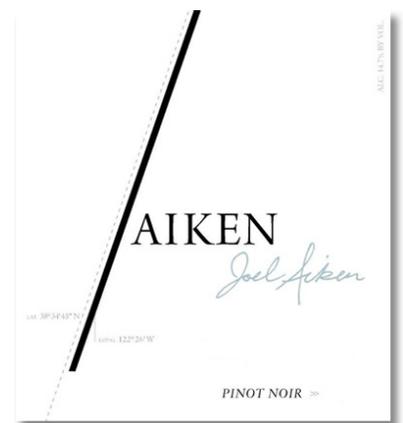
**Regular Price. . . . \$44.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$40.49**

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## **AIKEN WINES 2014 PINOT NOIR SONOMA MOUNTAIN**

Aiken Wines is the personal project of renowned Napa Valley winemaker Joel Aiken, an evolving portfolio of site-specific Cabernet Sauvignons and Pinot Noirs from Napa and Sonoma vineyards selected for their ability to produce wines of character and distinction.

Joel Aiken's goal is to produce wines of distinction from exceptional vineyards in outstanding appellations. With over 30 years of winemaking experience, Joel knows the vineyards and growers capable of producing exceptional grapes for these wines.



[www.AikenWines.com](http://www.AikenWines.com)

**TASTING NOTES:** From the beautiful Silver Pines Vineyard at nearly 1000 ft. elevation on Sonoma Mountain, this Pinot Noir is a blend of clones UCD 23 and Pommard. The masculinity of clone 23 blends beautifully with the perfume and complexity of Pommard. The 2014 vintage displays the classic mountain character of this vineyard with an exceptionally profound perfume from the perfect growing season. It is a dark and rich Pinot Noir with blackberry, cherry and spice characters.

Production: 172 cases

**Regular Price. . . . \$54.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$49.49**

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