



Gus's Vineyard

Sonoma Mountain Appellation

Owned and farmed by Jim Scopa and Anne Kenner

3 acres of Pinot Noir planted in 2009

Clone: 777

First Talisman vintage: 2017



Tucked away in a magical valley is a unique plateau at 1100' elevation, on the north flank of Sonoma Mountain. Jim Scopa and Anne Kenner have called this bucolic spot (a former nudist colony) their home since 2004. The calming, peaceful energy is palpable and beckons, where one feels embraced by Sonoma Mountain.

Gus (short for Argos) and his companion Cosmo are a couple of the luckiest dogs around. They reign over this beautiful property; another Talisman vineyard named after a wonderful dog. The combination of high elevation and well-drained Goulding loamy soil make this a great location for Pinot Noir, where fog and cool air flowing from the chilly Pacific through the Petaluma Gap seep into the upper reaches of Sonoma Mountain. Grapes on this site ripen very slowly, providing perfect conditions for complete and complex flavor development.