

## 2018 HIGH COUNTRY RED EL DORADO

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### PRODUCTION NOTES

The High Country red is fashioned after the small AOC in Burgundy called PASSETOUTGRAINS, which is a blend of Pinot Noir and Gamay Noir at its core. It loosely translates to “throw all things in,” essentially a melting pot of sorts. We combined Pinot from the Sonoma Coast, Anderson Valley, and the High Country of El Dorado, offering a contrast in styles to the final blend. This year we have a larger percentage of Gamay in the blend (45%), which we source from the Barsotti and Witters Vineyards in El Dorado. The wine sees minimal intervention throughout the fermentation and aging process, where it has been raised on its gross lees in used French oak barrels for 9 months prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

The High Country red is a quaffable high-toned wine with racy acidity. It offers aromas of bright cherry, cranberry, and just-ripe strawberry, coupled with notes of dried herbs, and violets. The palate has supple, crunchy tannins and ample natural acidity that supports the fruit and contributes to its balanced finish.

### WINERY INFO

Gros Ventre Cellars is a small family owned winery started in 2009 with 300 cases of Pinot Noir from distinguished sites in the Anderson Valley, Russian River, and West Sonoma Coast. Starting in 2016 we've branched out to El Dorado where Chris was the winemaker at Skinner Vineyards for 10 years. Prior to Skinner, Chris honed his skills at respected wineries like Biale, Torbreck, Williams-Selyem, and Marcassin. Today, Chris makes the wines for Limerick Lane — the historic old vine estate in Healdsburg.

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**VINTAGE** 2018

**CASES PRODUCED** 605

**APPELLATION** El Dorado

**VARIETALS** 55% Pinot Noir, 45% Gamay Noir

**ÉLEVAGE** Used French oak for 9 months

**MACERATION** 3-5 Days Cold Soak,  
No Extended

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME** 13.2%

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