



91 Clos de la Tech Pinot Noir Domaine Valeta Sunny Slope 2018

The 2018 Pinot Noir Domaine Valeta Sunny Slope is broader, darker and more deeply fruited than the SCM Estes bottling. Imposingly concentrated and brooding, it's a somber wine, but it has enough freshness to enliven the fruit. Notes of tobacco, woody herbs and underbrush lead into a swirling core of cherry skin and blackberry seed bitterness. The finish is powerful and epically long. This is just a baby today, even at six years old. The tannins are still a force to be reckoned with, only slightly receding after 24 hours of air. Give this 3 or 4 more years in the cellar.