



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 Pinot noir - Las Hermanas Vineyard is a light, bright wine with a wonderful sea spray/olive brine character on the nose and plenty of lively red fruits: cherry pie, red plum, acai. Elements of tarragon, bay leaf and fresh, wild herbs - sage and mint - give this Pinot complexity and layered flavor.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	173
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills AVA
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	777
% Whole cluster:	50%
Soil at site:	Sand/Limestone/Loam
Barrels Aging:	30% New French oak 10 months
Alcohol:	13.10%
Brix:	22.5
pH at harvest:	3.54
Finished pH:	3.7
Finished TA:	5.5 g/L
Harvest date:	9/21/2019
Bottling date:	July 2020
Release date:	September 2022

2019 VINTAGE

2019 was a near perfectly 'normal' cool-climate Santa Barbara vintage. The kind of normal it feels like we rarely see anymore. Plenty of rainfall early in the year and moderate summer weather gave us an even growing season and a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in early-mid September. We didn't see the super extreme heat during the beginning of harvest, allowing for a steady and civilized pick schedule. The 2019 wines show good flavor concentration and depth from the extra hangtime, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

LAS HERMANAS VINEYARD

Las Hermanas Vineyard sits to the west of the Melville Estate Vineyard, just 8 miles from the ocean. It is planted on over six different soil types, all of marine origin. SAMsARA's hillside section of Pinot Noir is located towards the top of the vineyard, where it is well-drained and aggressively sloped.

ACCOLADES

94 Points - Wine & Spirits Winemaker Matt Brady likes to play against fruit in his Central Coast pinots, and the Sta. Rita Hills terroirs are tailor-made for this effort. This one grows at a vineyard just west of the Melville Estate. The wine leads with an arresting cluster of spicy aromatics of bergamot, black tea and peat, while the dark fruit broods in the background like a spurned prom date. With air, the fruit comes forward, the wine morphs into a silky, seamless meld of savor and dark, glossy sour-cherry flavors. The fruit-skin tannins hint at the wine's aging potential. -P.J.C.

94 Points - Wine Enthusiast Fresh and crisp aromas of raspberry, strawberry and rose petals are juicy and inviting on the nose of this bottling. The palate is thirst-quenching, with its refreshing red-fruit-juice flavors, yet also complex, with hints of tea leaf, hard spice and turned earth. -Matt Kettmann