

2018 PINOT NOIR LA ENCANTADA VINEYARD

STA. RITA HILLS AVA SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep dark color, with matching fruit, umami and spice jump out on the nose, and a brininess both aromatically and on the palate, big texture and structure, densely concentrated with a luxuriously long finish.

WINEMAKING

Cases: 41

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills AVA
Varietal composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Clonal selection: 667

% Whole cluster: 50%

Soil at site: Sand/Clay/Loam

Barrels | Aging: 50% New French oak, 50%

neutral French oak | 16 months

Alcohol: 13.2%

 Brix:
 23.5

 pH at harvest:
 3.2

 Finished pH:
 3.58

 Finished TA:
 6.3 g/L

Harvest date: 9/15/2018

Bottling date: February 2020

Release date: February 2021

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.

LA ENCANTADA VINEYARD

La Encantada is one of the famed Sandford Vineyards along with Sandford and Benedict, Rinconada, and La Encantada. This site reflects historic Santa Barbara winemaking right here. And, naturally, this is another vineyard that we were really honored and fortunate to be able to work with.

Our block in particular is one of the older blocks, planted in the back of the vineyard. The soil is super sandy. The vines are 20 years plus years old.

ACCOLADES

Not yet rated