



## WINEMAKER NOTES

La Encantada Vineyard is all about complexity, density and texture. The structure of this Pinot suggests it will age beautifully and easily hold up for decades, abounding with silky but ample tannins from the first sip all the way through the wonderfully long finish. Plush, ripe fruits – red and black plum – are complimented by notes of rich, organic soil and autumn leaves. A perfect combination of weight and balance on all fronts, this wine will have you captivated!

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	62
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills AVA
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	667
% Whole cluster:	50%
Soil at site:	Loam/Clay/Chert
Barrels   Aging:	50% new French oak, 50% neutral French oak   16 months
Alcohol:	13.6%
Brix:	22.6
pH at harvest:	3.35
Finished pH:	3.57
Finished TA:	6.3 g/L
Harvest date:	9/21/2019
Bottling date:	August 2020
Release date:	April 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.

## 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

94 Points - Wine Enthusiast, 92 Points - Wine & Spirits

*Candied cherry aromas are cut by dewy herbs, cracked pepper and a hint of graphite on the nose of this four-barrel bottling. Fresh raspberry and cherry flavors make for a juicy palate, where hints of sage, wild thyme, and white pepper add considerable edge.*

-Matt Kettmann, Wine Enthusiast