



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2020 La Encantada Vineyard Pinot Noir jumps out of the glass with blackberry jam, mixed berry pie and warm winter spices. Bold, brooding dark fruit on the palate is complemented by soft, chalky tannins and a firm finish.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	90
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	667
% Whole cluster:	50%
Soil at site:	Loam/Chert/Clay
Barrels Aging:	40% new French oak 11 months
Alcohol:	12.5
Brix:	23.8
pH at harvest:	3.46
Finished pH:	3.79
Finished TA:	5.8 g/L
Harvest date:	9/12/2020
Bottling date:	August 2021
Release date:	January 2023

2020 VINTAGE

2020 was a whirlwind harvest in a less-than-normal year. Fruit came in relatively early due to a warm summer, but fruit quality was incredibly high. With decent rainfall, vines were healthy and a warm spring helped usher in a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in late August. A bit of heat at the beginning of harvest kicked things off with a bang, but moderate temperatures throughout the fall kept Rhônes on the vine a little longer. The 2020 wines show good flavor concentration and depth, 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 - Vinous *The 2020 Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard is a dense, expansive wine, and yet it retains the translucent feel that is such a signature here. Red/blue fruits, blood orange, star anise and rose petal confer exoticism. There's real substance, not to mention tons of class.* - Antonio Galloni

94 points - Jeb Dunnuck *The 2020 Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard is slightly more exotic and gamey, with plenty of framboise and mulberry fruits, notes of leafy herbs, damp earth, and underbrush, medium body, bright yet integrated acidity, and building tannins. This nicely textured, round, supple, yet still structured effort will benefit from a year in bottle and keep through 2032.* - Jeb Dunnuck

92 points - Wine Enthusiast *Black plum, lavender and wild-thyme aromas align on the nose of this single-vineyard expression from a vineyard on the southern edge of this appellation. The palate shows rich flavors of roasted fruit and baking spice, with a hint of toasty wood lingering in the background.* - Matt Kettmann