



## WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 Pinot noir - La Encantada is flashy and powerful. Everything about this wine is big and bold, the nose, the structure palate. Fruits are ripe and dark: black currants, boysenberry and black cherries. Wild herbs, sage and spice notes add complexity. This wine has a mouth coating texture, deep concentration and an impossibly long finish.

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	117
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard selection:	100% La Encantada Vineyard
Clonal selection:	667
% Whole cluster:	55%
Soil at site:	Loam/Clay/Chert
Barrels   Aging:	40% new French oak   11 months
Alcohol:	13.3%
Brix:	21.2-22.2
pH at harvest:	3.11-3.19
Finished pH:	3.64
Finished TA:	6.3 g/L
Harvest date:	9/10/2022 + 9/16/2022
Bottling date:	7/27/2022
Release date:	August 2024

## 2022 VINTAGE

2022 started off with a slightly later bud-break, and moderate weather through the spring and summer. Low yields across the board with all varieties and vineyards made the Labor-Day heat wave extra impactful and forced us to move quickly into harvest mode. Once the early ripening varieties were picked, the classic SB long growing season returned, and the final Rhone varietal grapes weren't harvested until late October. The 2022 wines retain their freshness and balance, with great flavor concentration and depth, and an extra kiss of sunshine.

## LA ENCANTADA VINEYARD

La Encantada is one of the famed Sandford Vineyards along with Sandford and Benedict, and Rinconada. 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

**95 points - Wine Enthusiast** Intense aromas of black cherry, cola, star anise and cracked pepper pop on the deliciously fruity and spicy nose of this single-vineyard expression. The black cherry core of the palate picks up nicely bitter touches of coffee bean leading into a finish of strawberry sauce, mace and French toast spices. - **Matt Kettmann**

**94 points - Vinous** The 2022 Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard is one of the highlights in this range from SAMsARA. A wine of stature and pedigree, the 2022 is seriously impressive. Dark red/purplish fruit, lavender, rose petal, spice and blood orange meld into this sumptuous finish. - **Antonio Galloni**