



2023 PINOT NOIR
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE VINEYARD
STA. RITA HILLS AVA
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



WINEMAKER NOTES

Aromatic notes of sage, rosemary, chaparral, cranberry, pomegranate, and watermelon give this wine its wild, herbaceous character. It's linear and electric, full of energy from front to back, with a long, driving finish powered by bright acidity.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	94
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard selection:	100% Our Lady of Guadalupe
Clonal selection:	459
% Whole cluster:	30%
Soil at site:	Loam/Limestone/DE
Barrels Aging:	50% new French oak 10 months
Alcohol:	13.2
Brix:	21.0
pH at harvest:	3.12
Finished pH:	3.76
Finished TA:	5.4 g/L
Harvest date:	10/10/2023 & 10/17/2023
Bottling date:	08/15/2024
Release date:	Winter 2026

ACCOLADES

93+ points - Wine Advocate One of the more airy and dexterous wines in the range is the 2023 Pinot Noir Our Lady of Guadalupe Vineyard, which opens with a lifted and complex bouquet of dried roses, underbrush and marine overtones set against a red fruited backdrop. The palate echoes with a silky, high-toned profile that is equal parts focused, nimble and polished. It concludes with a long, lithe and soaring finish underpinned by savory, pure earth-driven nuances. This is quite promising and deserves another year or so in the bottle to congeal. - **Matthew Luczy**

90 points - Vinous The 2023 Pinot Noir Our Lady of Guadalupe Vineyard is deceptively light in body for a wine with such a dark color. Black tea, rooibos, hibiscus and leather nuances make for a savory profile as rose petal and tart blackberry tones sizzle beneath the surface. Soft in texture and quiet through the mid-palate, the 2023 is a bit reticent today. - **Billy Norris**

2023 VINTAGE

The 2023 wines show an intensity and vibrance that can only come from an extreme long and cool winegrowing season. 2023 had the latest harvest dates in the modern Sta. Rita Hills winemaking era. The winter was cold and wet with record rainfall. An especially grey/overcast spring led to an extended 'flowering' period. Cool weather continued through the summer. Finally in mid-September we got a late 'Labor Day' heatwave and that final kiss of sunshine, combined with the extra-long hangtime, makes the vintage sing on all levels: bright acidity from the cool season, ripe rich flavors from the long hangtime, and a high level of balance.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE VINEYARD

Our Lady of Guadalupe Vineyard is planted on Sweeny Canyon Rd on the west edge of the Sta. Rita Hills, and it's now the westernmost vineyard in the AVA. It's a stunning site with super wind-beaten hillsides and a clear view over Lompoc and the ocean beyond. The extreme ocean influence ensures small yields, making powerful and distinctive wines.