

**Au
Bon
Climat**



2018

Pinot Noir “Knox Alexander”

A complex, savory Pinot Noir with loads of spiced cherry and red currant fruits as well as brambly herbs, underbrush, and leather-like aromas and flavors. It is very focused on the palate, in a tight, racy style.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION: Santa Maria Valley	HARVEST: September 2018
VINEYARD: Bien Nacido, Le Bon Climat	ALCOHOL: 13.5%
VARIETAL: Pinot Noir	ACIDITY: 7.5
COOPERAGE: 22 months, François Frères French Oak	pH: 3.45
	RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0
	SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$65

From The Winemaker

Named for Jim Clendenen’s son, Knox, this wine is crafted from the best blocks in our Estate Vineyards. The wine was aged for 22 months in François Frères French oak barrels. We fined this wine with three egg whites per barrel to remove some of the tougher tannins. The clarity and color of the wine are beautiful.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of Bing Cherry, red current and dark chocolate are apparent with an intriguing scent of underbrush buried deeper in the wine. Flavors constantly evolve starting with raspberries and moving to dark cocoa. In the background is french oak vanillin and balanced tannins.

Food Pairings

This wine is masculine and rustic, so can hold its own with meaty flavors of Duck, mushrooms, garlic and herbs and a perfectly seasoned grilled steak.

ACCOLADES

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“This bottling, named for the vintner’s son, is quite light in the glass, offering aromas of crisp pomegranate, cranberry, green peppercorn and eucalyptus. It’s zesty on the palate with those green-herb and peppercorn notes that play against the tart pomegranate and blood-orange-rind flavors. This is built to last. Drink now through 2038.”

— MATT KETTMANN