



2023

Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara County

After 41 years of producing this wine, it is safe to say our County Pinot Noir is an Au Bon Climat classic. The goal is always to produce a balanced Burgundian-style Pinot Noir that does not sacrifice quality for the sake of value. Our winemaking approach has remained constant, always favoring handcrafted wines from small plots treated with traditional techniques. The result is a fruit-forward Pinot with both nuance and finesse-- this wine consistently punches above its weight class.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Barbara County

VINEYARD:
Bien Nacido, North Canyon,
Rancho Real, Kick On, Los
Alamos

VARIETAL:
100% Pinot Noir

COOPERAGE:
10 months, neutral François
Frères French oak barrels

HARVEST: September 2023
(multiple pickings)

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 5.4 g/L

pH: 3.63

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$24

Tasting Notes

This wine is a trademark of Pinot's coming from Santa Barbara County with classic fruit aromas followed by an earthy depth. Aromas of red currant, blueberry, and blood orange greet the nose, followed by subtle hints of bay leaf, white pepper, and wet stone. The palate is well-balanced, with just the right amount of tannin and acid, resulting in superb structure and a delightful mouthfeel.

From The Winemaker

This wine is a handcrafted blend from premier vineyards in Santa Barbara County. The majority of the blend comes from the Santa Maria Valley, featuring Bien Nacido, North Canyon, and Rancho Real vineyards, with a small percentage sourced from Kick On and Los Alamos Vineyard in the Los Alamos area. Our winemaking process has remained consistent for 40 years, focusing on traditional, time-proven techniques. We hand harvest, ferment in small lots, perform daily manual punch downs, and age in François Frères French oak barrels for 8-12 months. This small barrel aging imparts depth and complexity to our Pinot Noir.

Food Pairings

This wine lends itself to all kinds of food pairings, but matches best with easy-going meat dishes. Try this Pinot Noir with tri-tip sandwiches and salsa, smash burgers, or even a salad with strawberry and mint.

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