



2017

# Pinot Noir Sierra Madre Vineyard



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## VINEYARD

Sierra Madre Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley

The 2017 CRU Sierra Madre Pinot Noir is sourced solely from the Sierra Madre Vineyard. First planted in 1971, the vineyard is located in Northern Santa Barbara County, near the western edge of the Santa Maria Valley. The Sierra Madre Vineyard is recognized as one of California’s finest cool-climate vineyards and the coldest vineyard in the state leading to a long, drawn-out growing season.

## WINE ANALYSIS

Total Acid	<b>4.8 g/l</b>	Varietal	<b>100% Pinot Noir</b>
RS	<b>0.5 g/l</b>	Appellation	<b>Santa Maria Valley</b>
pH	<b>3.72</b>	Aging Process	<b>8 Months French Oak, 25% New Barrels</b>
Finished Alcohol	<b>13.9%</b>		
Case Production	<b>540</b>		

## APPELLATION DETAIL

Santa Maria Valley



## TASTING NOTES

The final blend was aged in 25% in new French Oak Barrels, composed of Damy and Billon, consisting of both medium and medium+ toast levels for 9 months. This aging process creates a nose of freshly picked cherries, cedar and earth. The complexity of multiple clones and elevations shows flavors of blueberry, pomegranate, cranberry and infused tea that is nicely balanced with hints of toasted oak. This showcase wine is a true homage to classic Burgundian Pinot Noirs.



## ACCOLADES

- 94 Points, Platinum – 2019 Winemaker Challenge
- 94 Points, Double Gold – 2019 Toast of the Coast
- Gold, 90 Points - 2019 Harvest Challenge
- Gold – 2018 Central Coast Wine Competition
- Gold – 2019 Sunset International Wine Competition

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