



2016

Vineyard Montage Pinot Noir

Santa Lucia Highlands



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VINEYARD

Sarmento Vineyard, Monterey County

The 2016 CRU Vineyard Montage Pinot Noir was sourced primarily from the marine-influenced Sarmento Vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Multiple clones were used in the production of this pinot noir including 667, 115 and Pommard 5. By utilizing various clones from multiple elevations, the wine-maker creates depth, complexity in aroma and balance to the final blend.

WINE ANALYSIS

Total Acid	5.4 g/l	Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
RS	.5 g/l	Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands
pH	3.83	Aging Process	9 Months French Oak 15% New Barrels
Finished Alcohol	13.8%		
Case Production	3548		

APPELLATION DETAIL

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TASTING NOTES

The final blend was aged in 15% new French Oak barrels composed of Damy and Billon with both medium and medium+ toast levels for 9 months. This aging process creates a nose of freshly picked cherries, blackberries, black pepper and cocoa. The complexity of multiple clones and elevations shows flavors of cherry, pomegranate, olive, spice, cocoa and infused tea that is nicely balanced with hints of toasted oak. This showcase wine is a true homage to classic Burgundian pinot noirs.



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