

2021 PINOT NOIR LA ENCANTADA VINEYARD

STA. RITA HILLS, AVA SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



WINEMAKER NOTES

Upfront aromatics of dark fruit and a blend of savory and sweet herbs (herbs de Provence). Generous and giving on the palate with a glossy texture and mouthfeel. On the back end, the wine tightens up as the structure becomes more apparent, providing precision and length on the finish.

WINEMAKING

Cases: 138

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills Varietal composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Clonal selection: 667

% Whole cluster: 50%

Soil at site: Loam/Chert/Clay

Barrels | Aging: 34% new French oak | 11 months

Alcohol: 13.1%

 Brix:
 23.5

 pH at harvest:
 3.28

 Finished pH:
 3.79

 Finished TA:
 5.5 g/L

Harvest date: 9/22/2021
Bottling date: August 2022
Release date: May 2024

2021 VINTAGE

One of the best vintages in recent memory, 2021 was an even, cool vintage allowing fruit extended hang time to concentrate flavors and complexity without losing acid. Wines from this vintage are powerful while still being moderate in alcohol, and maintaining freshness and fruit purity.

LA ENCANTADA VINEYARD

La Encantada is one of the famed Sandford Vineyards along with Sandford and Benedict, and Rinconada. This site reflects historic Santa Barbara winemaking right here. And, naturally, this is another vineyard that we were really honored and fortunate to be able to work with.

Our block in particular is one of the older blocks, planted in the back of the vineyard. The soil is super sandy. The vines are 20 years plus years old.

ACCOLADES

96 points - Wine Enthusiast Winemaker Matt Brady is masterful at making wines that are magically light in expression yet rich in flavor, and this single-vineyard expression is a perfect example. Aromas of black cherry, star anise, clove and lavender lead from the nose into a palate that weaves black cherry and cranberry flavors with chai spice on a lively frame. - Matt Kettmann

94 points - Jeb Dunnuck Wild strawberries, white flowers, and a beautiful minerality and chalkiness emerge from the 2021 Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard, another beautifully made, balanced, elegant release from this estate. It's not the most complex in the lineup, but I love its purity and balance. -Jeb Dunnuck