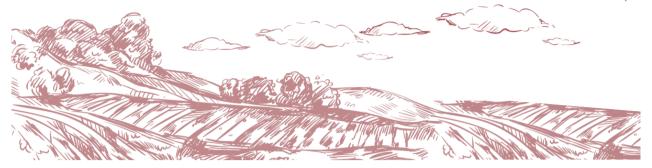


2022 PINOT NOIR LA ENCANTADA VINEYARD

STA. RITA HILLS AVA SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 Pinot noir - La Encantada is flashy and powerful. Everything about this wine is big and bold, the nose, the structure palate. Fruits are ripe and dark: black currants, boysenberry and black cherries. Wild herbs, sage and spice notes add complexity. This wine has a mouth coating texture, deep concentration and an impossibly long finish.

WINEMAKING

Cases: 117

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

Vineyard selection: 100% La Encantada Vineyard

Clonal selection: 667 % Whole cluster: 55%

Soil at site: Loam/Clay/Chert
Barrels | Aging: 40% new French oak | 11

months

Alcohol: 13.3%

 Brix:
 21.2-22.2

 pH at harvest:
 3.11-3.19

 Finished pH:
 3.64

 Finished TA:
 6.3 g/L

Harvest date: 9/10/2022 + 9/16/2022

Bottling date: 7/27/2022 Release date: August 2024

2022 VINTAGE

2022 started off with a slightly later bud-break, and moderate weather through the spring and summer. Low yields across the board with all varietals and vineyards made the Labor-Day heat wave extra impactful and forced us to move quickly into harvest mode. Once the early ripening varietals were picked, the classic SB long growing season returned, and the final Rhone varietal grapes weren't harvested until late October. The 2022 wines retain their freshness and balance, with great flavor concentration and depth, and an extra kiss of sunshine.

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

95 points - Wine Enthusiast Intense aromas of black cherry, cola, star anise and cracked pepper pop on the deliciously fruity and spicy nose of this single-vineyard expression. The black cherry core of the palate picks up nicely bitter touches of coffee bean leading into a finish of strawberry sauce, mace and French toast spices. - Matt Kettmann

94 points - Vinous The 2022 Pinot Noir La Encntada Vineyard is one of the highlights in this range from SAMsARA. A wine of stature and pedigree, the 2022 is seriously impressive. Dark red/purplish fruit, lavender, rose petal, spice and blood orange meld into this sumptuous finish. - Antonio Galloni