

Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands

California, USA

Grape variety | Pinot Noir

Our Pinot Noir vineyards are located at the most favorable parts of land in the Santa Lucia Highlands. This region is known as one of the best areas in the world for growing this variety. The vineyards receive plenty of sunshine and are cooled by a sea breeze in the afternoon. The grapes are harvested by hand. The special fermentation softens the natural acidity, making the Bernardus Pinot Noir an elegant, bright, ruby-red wine, with aromas of ripe black cherries, berries, and vanilla.

The American Viticultural Area of Santa Lucia Highlands

The Santa Lucia Highlands AVA is an American wine-growing region in Monterey County, a mountain range above the Salinas Valley with 931 acres of vineyards far above sea level. The region enjoys cool morning mists and breeze from Monterey Bay, followed by warm afternoons thanks to direct southern exposure to the sun. Wine Enthusiast Magazine named it the California "Grand Cru" vineyard, in recognition of locations that produce the highest quality wine grapes. Our Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir is a blend of Pinot grapes selected from some of our favorite SLH vineyards.

Early bottling process

All our Pinot Noir grapes are hand-picked, sorted, and fermented in small, individual batches. They are then aged in the finest French oak barrels and tanks until final blending, just before bottling. We bottle our Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir earlier than our other Pinot in order to put the focus on its fresh fruit expression. This is an outstanding example of the characteristics that have made the Highlands one of the world's most prized Pinot growing regions.

Intense and deep

The color is intense and deep red with bright aromas of red cherries and cranberry and on the palate pure, intense aromas of red fruit and subtle herbal notes. A nice full-bodied taste with round tannins supported by a refreshing finish.



“From the Santa Lucia Highlands, recognized as a “Grand Cru” region of California by The Wine Enthusiast, producing the highest quality Pinot Noir grapes.”

Food pairing

veal

beef

game

Tasting notes

red fruit

oak

earthy



750ML

1.5L

3L

5L