

Au Bon Climat



2019

Pinot Noir Sanford & Benedict Vineyard

The first “great” vineyard in Santa Barbara County, Sanford & Benedict is an iconic, sustainably farmed vineyard instrumental in elevating awareness that our region creates world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Consequently, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard earned a position in Au Bon Climat’s Santa Barbara Historic Vineyards Collection series.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Sta. Rita Hills

HARVEST: September 18, 2019

VINEYARD:
Sanford & Benedict Vineyard

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 6.9 g/L

VARIETAL:
100% Pinot Noir

pH: 3.43

COOPERAGE:
20 months 50% new François
Frères French oak

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$50

ACCOLADES

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

94

Wine & Spirits

93

WINE ENTHUSIAST

93

JEB DUNNUCK

92+

Antonio Galloni
vinous

92

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— ERIN BROOKS, WINE ADVOCATE

From The Winemaker

We selected grapes from one of the “old vine, own rooted” sections at Sanford and Benedict. Hand picked in the early morning hours, the grapes arrived at the winery nice and cold. During the cold, extended soak, the fruit driven aromas and flavors were extracted from the grapes. The slower fermentation also assisted in the gradual extraction of additional aromas and flavors as the alcohol content slowly rises. About 50% was whole cluster fermented. After the grapes reached dryness, the grapes were pressed, and the wine was put in François Frères French oak barrels, about 50% new. The wine was gently racked in the late spring and was returned to barrel for a total of 20 months.

Tasting Notes

This chiseled, focused Pinot Noir offers singular aromas of wild strawberries and blackberries nuanced with allspice, dried flowers, and autumn leaves. It segues to a loaded palate of ripe berry fruits with notes of new leather, cedar, and dried herbs. A terrific complex, savory Pinot.

Food Pairings

Enjoy with a charcuterie board, bacon stuffed mushrooms, grilled lamb chops or rabbit stew.

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