

Au Bon Climat



2022

Pinot Noir “Mission” Santa Maria Valley

Our Santa Maria Valley Mission label is crafted by renowned Japanese ink artist, Drue Kataoka, available exclusively in Japan. This wine offers immediate enjoyment with a serene and transparent character, perfect for early indulgence.

Should your journeys lead you to Asia, Au Bon Climat is featured on numerous wine lists—a testament to Jim Clendenen’s enduring connections and celebrity status within the Japanese wine community. Japan remains our second-largest export market, thanks to our longstanding relationships and the enduring appeal of our wines.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Maria Valley

HARVEST: September 23, 2022

VINEYARD:
Bien Nacido, Solomon Hills

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

VARIETAL:
100% Pinot Noir

ACIDITY: 5.5 g/L

COOPERAGE:
12 months, neutral François
Frères French oak

pH: 3.68

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$35

Tasting Notes

A delight to drink now, this wine exudes notes of bing cherry, white pepper, marjoram, and sandalwood. Its pleasing intensity is balanced by developed, round tannins, concluding with hints of black tea and bitter cacao. Indulgent yet not overly weighty, this is an excitingly versatile wine that will pair nicely with a wide array of cuisines.

From The Winemaker

This wine is sourced from three top vineyards in the Santa Maria Valley: Bien Nacido and Solomon Hills. While they share the same AVA and hallmark characteristics, each brings unique qualities to the blend. Bien Nacido contributes magnificent aromatics, and Solomon Hills lends texture and structure. Aged for 12 months in neutral French Oak, this Pinot Noir captures the lighter yet complex, fruit-forward essence of Central Coast wines.

Food Pairings

This pronounced and soft Pinot Noir could be coupled with grilled lamb chops served with a cherry balsamic glaze, grilled rib-eye steak and caramelized onions.

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