



Au Bon Climat

2022

Pinot Noir, Rancho la Cuna

Owned by the Clendenen family, Rancho La Cuna Vineyard is located in the heart of the Los Alamos Valley with the vines situated on steep hillsides. It is a small vineyard (about 15 acres) but a significant one. After 10 years of production, our Rancho La Cuna Pinot vines are showing their maturity. The fruit is distinctive producing contemplative, savory Pinots that have layered complexity. Los Alamos Valley does not have an appellation although it deserves one; consequently the labels carry the designation “Santa Barbara County”.



AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Barbara County

VINEYARD:
Rancho La Cuna

VARIETAL:
100% Pinot Noir

COOPERAGE:
24 months, 50% new François
Frères French 350L oak barrels

HARVEST: September 14, 2022

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 5.5 g/L

pH: 3.72

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$50

Tasting Notes

This red boasts an impressive structure, as flavors of maraschino cherry, walnut shell, and forest floor emerge, complemented by fine tannins and lively acidity. Aromas of root beer, juniper, jasmine, candied ginger, and orange provide a delicate backdrop. A perfect balance of spice and freshness gives way to a refined and complex finish.

Food Pairings

Pair this pinot noir with bold dishes such as a spicy pot roast with root vegetables, grilled porchetta, veal with mushroom sauce, or a mushroom risotto with thyme and Parmesan.

From The Winemaker

The vines at Rancho La Cuna are situated on steep hillsides. The Pinot section is planted mainly to clone 115 with a small amount of 828. All of our Pinot Noir is hand-picked, and processed soon after harvest. The grapes arrive at the winery cool, have a slow, cool fermentation, and are manually punched down at least two times per day to gently extract all the “good stuff” from the grapes. After fermentation, the wine is aged in 50% new François Frères French oak barrels for 24 months, then bottled without filtration. Rancho La Cuna Pinots are not simple fruit bombs. They are supple, elegant, and so well balanced that the many varied flavors coexist harmoniously all in one wine. The wine will continue to age gracefully for ten to fifteen years though they have aged well for much longer.