

BERRY BROS & RUDD

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS

- 2022 -

PINOT NOIR

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Established in 1698, Berry Bros. & Rudd stands as Britain's oldest wine and spirits merchant, maintaining its family-owned and operated status to this day. Operating from its original No.3 St James's Street location, the company has expanded its reach with additional offices in Hong Kong, Singapore, and Tokyo. Leveraging longstanding partnerships with producers, Berry Bros. & Rudd assists fine wine and spirits enthusiasts in curating, managing, and savoring their collections. Their unwavering commitment to the artistry of winemaking naturally aligns with Au Bon Climat, whose wines, born from the mist-shrouded slopes of Santa Barbara, boast a distinctive freshness and elegance that perfectly balance their ripe fruit flavors, catering to the discerning tastes of the UK palate.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Barbara County

VINEYARD:
Kick On

VARIETAL:
100% Pinot Noir

HARVEST:
September 21, 2022

COOPERAGE:
24 months, neutral François
Frères French oak barrels

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 5.5 g/L

pH: 3.68

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0



From The Winemaker

For over two decades, Au Bon Climat has sourced grapes from the renowned Kick-On Ranch, nestled in the picturesque Los Alamos Valley, just ten miles from the Pacific Ocean. Our special section within the vineyard boasts three exceptional clones—115, 777, and clone 23. Situated similarly to the Sta. Rita Hills to the south, Kick-On Ranch benefits from cool coastal winds and fog that moderate temperatures, nurturing grapes in its eolian sand soils.

In 2022 an early September heat wave pushed many Pinot blocks to ripeness all at once, creating a fast and condensed harvest. The result is wines with generous fruit and impressive concentration.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of strawberry and Rainier cherry lead into more understated notes of black tea, anise, licorice, and a hint of orange zest. On the palate, flavours of ripe red fruit and cola shine through, supplemented by a softer texture on the mid-palate. Firm oak tannins linger on the finish, giving this wine both depth and structure.

Food Pairings

Try braised short ribs with root vegetables, lentil and roasted beet salad, or a simple wood-fired Margherita pizza.



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