

Au Bon Climat



2024

Pinot Noir, La Encantada

One of the defining characteristics of Santa Barbara County winegrowing is the influence of the Pacific Ocean. The region's east-west mountain ranges create a natural channel for cool ocean air and fog to move deep into the valleys, and few sites express that maritime influence as clearly as La Encantada Vineyard.

Originally planted by pioneering vintner Richard Sanford in the Sta. Rita Hills, La Encantada combines a cool growing environment with distinctive diatomaceous soils formed from ancient marine deposits. The resulting Pinot Noir offers dark fruit, mineral character, and the natural acidity needed for graceful aging, making La Encantada an exciting addition to Au Bon Climat's single-vineyard collection.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Sta Rita Hills

HARVEST:
September 20, 2024

VINEYARD:
La Encantada

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

VARIETAL:
100% Pinot Noir

ACIDITY: 6.4 g/L

pH: 3.60

COOPERAGE:
18 months, 50% new François Frères French oak barrels

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$60

Food Pairings

Pair this savory, mineral-driven Pinot Noir with roasted duck, grilled pork tenderloin, wild mushrooms, or herb-crusted lamb. Its combination of dark fruit, tea, and sage also complements dishes with earthy herbs, roasted root vegetables, or aged cheeses.

From The Winemaker

La Encantada's cool maritime setting and diatomaceous soils make it a natural fit for the balanced, site-driven style of Pinot Noir we seek at Au Bon Climat. Harvested on September 20, the 2024 vintage was aged for 18 months in François Frères French oak barrels, 50% new, allowing the wine to develop texture and depth while preserving the vineyard's natural freshness and mineral character.

Tasting Notes

Hints of sagebrush and blackberry open the wine, offering a classic expression of Pinot Noir from the Sta. Rita Hills. On the palate, bright salinity is layered with green tea and black cherry liqueur, creating a compelling balance of savory depth, dark fruit, and freshness. Brooding yet vibrant, this wine captures the contrasting qualities that make Pinot Noir so intriguing.

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