

NIELSON

Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Our namesake, Uriel J. Nielson, planted Santa Barbara's first commercial vineyard in 1964 when his critics thought the region was too cold to deliver world class wines. At Nielson, we pay homage to that pioneering spirit, producing Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays from some of the area's most celebrated vineyards. Our east-west valleys, marine soils, morning fog and seaside sunsets make Santa Barbara the perfect setting for uncommon wines of stunning minerality, acidity and balance. We use small-lot winemaking techniques such as hand pruning, block-by-block harvesting, barrel fermentations and lees stirring to create wines that beg discovery.

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 vintage displays rich dark fruit aromatics. This full-bodied wine shows plum, boysenberry, and spice on the palate, culminating in a long finish with a powerful tannin structure will reward time in the cellar.

APPELLATION

The Sta. Rita Hills—of Santa Barbara County—is the region's newest AVA. Just south of Santa Maria Valley and Los Alamos, Sta. Rita Hills is the windiest area in the region, characterized by steep vineyard slopes, stressed vines planted in calcerous soils, and the signature Santa Barbara County ocean influence. Wines from Sta. Rita Hills produce concentrated dark fruit characteristics and a distinct gravel minerality.

APPELLATION

100% Sta. Rita Hills

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

AGING

16 months in French oak
25% new

ALCOHOL

14.5%

TA

0.55 g/100ml

PH

3.66



SOURCING REGIONS ■ STA. RITA HILLS