



## LA ENCANTADA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

The 2016 La Encantada Vineyard Pinot Noir comes from a vineyard on the western side of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. Located seven miles from the Pacific Ocean, the La Encantada Vineyard sits at just about 450 feet elevation and is planted to some of the most sought-after Pinot Noir grapes in the appellation. This cool climate site runs along the Santa Ynez River Valley, and has an east-to-west mountain range that pulls in the maritime air, resulting in a longer and cooler growing season. Due to the cool, coastal weather brought in from the Pacific, the fruit benefits from a long hang time on the vine, resulting in distinct, and complex characters, as well as true varietal expression. This incredible site provides fruit of unquestionable quality, and is why we are excited for the 2016 La Encantada Vineyard Pinot Noir.

## 2016 VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage in Santa Barbara County brought us another early harvest with the first of the Pinot Noir grapes arriving at the winery the last week of August. Spring brought warmer than average temperatures that were followed by an early summer. However, July and August brought cool nights and a gentle warmth, which allowed the medium-sized crop to mature perfectly, producing small berries in pristine condition. The wines we are seeing from the 2016 vintage are showing great color intensity and deep complexity.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2016 La Encantada Pinot Noir was harvested from 4 different blocks, and is a blend of three different Pinot Noir clones: 667, Pommard, and 777. Each of these clones from the four blocks of the La Encantada Vineyard are blended at various percentages to create a compelling Pinot Noir. The aromas present a fresh mix of red and black cherry, clay, smoked salt, black plum, thyme, and pine resin. Bright, fresh acid hits up front with hints of savory spice and pink peppercorns accompanying red cherry and cranberry flavors. Light tannin structure leads into a high-acid finish. The 2016 La Encantada Vineyard Pinot Noir was aged in 24% new French oak and can be enjoyed now, but will also age well in the cellar.

Alcohol: 14.28%  
TA: .60  
pH: 3.47



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