



NIELSON

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 Noir and Chardonnay 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.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has an elegant bouquet of black cherry, tea leaf, a slight caramel note, and lighter red fruit aromas. On the palate the wine has a delicate touch, with more flavors of red fruit, earth, and a long lasting savory quality.

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION

88% Santa Maria Valley AVA,
8% Sta Rita Hills AVA, 4% Los Alamos
Vineyards: Nielson, Cambria, and small
amounts of John Sebastiano, Encanto,
Rita's Crown, Fiddlestix, Radian

AGING

Open top stainless steel with daily
pump overs, 12 days on the skins. 10
months in French oak barrel (19% new)

ALCOHOL

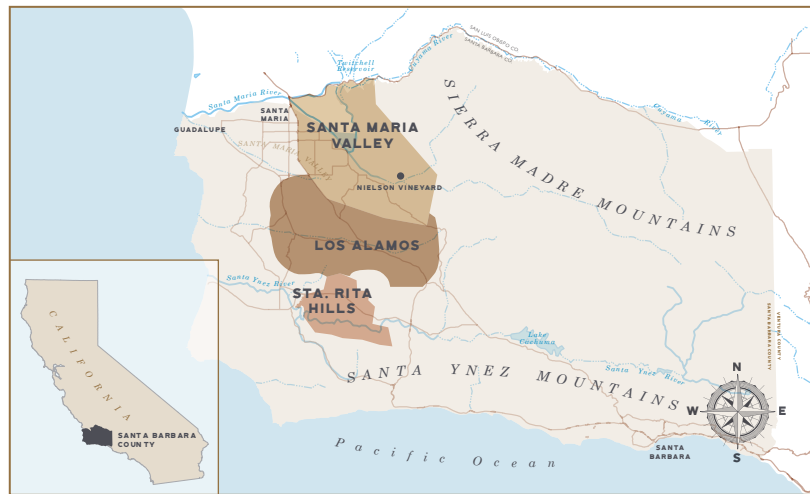
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.49 g/100ml

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3.59



SOURCING REGIONS ■ LOS ALAMOS ■ SANTA MARIA VALLEY ■ STA. RITA HILLS

SENSORY PROFILES	SANTA MARIA VALLEY AVA (EST. 1981)	STA. RITA HILLS AVA (EST. 2001)	LOS ALAMOS
AROMAS/FLAVORS	Red fruits, earthy, baking spice	Blue and black fruits, tea	Ripe dark fruit, savory, black pepper
TEXTURAL/STUCTURAL	Fine tannins	Firm tannins	Fine tannins
CLIMATE	Cool and dry; thick fog and intense winds	Cool and dry; cold air and strong winds	Cool and dry; warmer than SMV and SRH
SOIL TYPE	Marine soils; shale, sandstone, clay loam	Sand, sandy clay loam, diatomaceous earth	Ashy sandy clay loam

PIONEERING SINCE 1964