



# NIELSON

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## 2015 CLONE 667 PINOT NOIR, SANTA MARIA VALLEY

### NIELSON WINES

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

Earth, umami, mushroom, soy, soil and spice all waft from the glass. The aromas are backed by a juicy mouthfeel with flavors of vanilla, plum jam and blueberry.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Clone 667 is picked then barrel fermented with 10% whole cluster. The barrels are hand punched down twice a day for 10-14 days. The resulting wine is put back into the same barrels it was fermented in then aged for 16 months.

### APPELLATION

The Santa Maria Valley – of Santa Barbara County – is one of California's coolest AVAs, with one of the longest growing seasons in the world. The region is defined by its well-drained, lean soils and the unique east/west transverse mountain ranges that act as a funnel for morning fog and cold afternoon winds off the Pacific Ocean, resulting in balanced, vibrant wines.

VINTAGE	2015
VARIETAL	100% PINOT NOIR
APPELLATION	SANTA MARIA VALLEY
AGING	16 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK, 25% NEW
ALCOHOL	13.5%
TA	0.56G/100ML
pH	3.60

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