



2017 SOMMELIER CUVÉE PINOT NOIR

52% SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS: LEMORAVO AND HIGHLANDS VINEYARDS

The vineyards of the Highlands are planted on the terraces of the Santa Lucia mountain range, overlooking the Salinas River Valley. Here, fog and breezes from the nearby Monterey Bay funnel southeast, between the Santa Lucia and Gabilan ranges, creating a cool, true Region I climate. The exceptionally long SLH growing season of early bud break, lack of fall rains, and prolonged harvests allow the grapes to develop full, phenolic ripeness and flavors. Both the Lemoravo and Highlands vineyards are located towards the Northern end of the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA.

27% SANTA RITA HILLS: LA ENCANTADA VINEYARD

The combination of poor marine-based soils, elevated calcium and the Pacific's cooling influence through fog, wind and moderating summer heat combine to form one of the world's best cool-climate viticulture areas for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The La Encantada Vineyard is located in the South-West area of the Santa Rita Hills AVA.

21% RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY: BETTY ANN VINEYARD

The Russian River Valley climate is sculpted by the regular intrusion of cooling fog from the Pacific Ocean a few miles to the west. Much like the tide, it ebbs and flows through the Petaluma Wind Gap and the channel cut by the Russian River through the coastal hills. The fog usually arrives in the evening, often dropping the temperature 35 to 40 degrees from its daytime high, and retreats to the ocean the following morning. This natural air-conditioning allows the grapes to develop full flavor maturity over an extended growing season – often 15 to 20 percent longer than neighboring areas, while retaining their all-important natural acidity. The Betty Ann Vineyard is located in the South-West Area of the Russian River Valley AVA.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Aroma: Raspberry compote, fresh strawberry, red plum and blueberry. Slight notes of rose petals and rosemary blossom, with traces of more herbal notes such as white peppercorn and bay leaf underneath.

Flavor: Lovely red cherry, pomegranate, and black plum on the palate; bright and fresh acidity hit up at the front, with moderate tannin lending support for a long, pleasant finish.

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

SOURCING: Santa Lucia Highlands, Russian River Valley, Santa Rita Hills

PRODUCTION: 2,000 cases



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