



NIELSON

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2015 DRIZZLE BARREL 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

The Drizzle is full bodied and rich with concentrated notes of ripe cherry, mixed berry jam and blackberries. Subtle hints of cardamom and cinnamon spices finish with a delicate touch of smoke.

WINEMAKER NOTES

To "Drizzle," we drain a newly fermented tank of Pinot Noir. The tank is put on a stand and the lower door is slightly opened. Wine from the grape skins is allowed to "drizzle" into a brand-new barrel, which results in a ripe, full-flavored wine.

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, 100% NEW
ALCOHOL	12.6%
TA	0.53G/100ML
pH	3.82

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