



NIELSON

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2015 FIRST PICK 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

This wine is from a block of clone 828 Pinot Noir on the Nielson Vineyard that consistently ripens first. The aromas and flavors showcase bright red fruit and spice.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Aged in neutral puncheons to preserve the bright, nuanced flavors of the fruit.

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 NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK
ALCOHOL	13.1%
TA	0.64G/100ML
PH	3.40

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