

JOEL GOTT

SANTA BARBARA 2020

PINOT NOIR



APPELLATION	SANTA BARBARA
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BARREL	33% NEW FRENCH OAK 67% 1 & 2-YEAR-OLD FRENCH OAK
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VARIETAL	100% PINOT NOIR
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TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Joel Gott Santa Barbara Pinot Noir has aromas of cherries and blackberries with notes of baking spices. On the palate, the wine opens with bright, fruit flavors, leading to a round mouthfeel on the mid-palate and soft, velvety tannins on a long, elegant finish.

VINEYARD NOTES

We sourced the fruit for this wine from Santa Barbara County, because of its ideal conditions for growing elegant Pinot Noir with nuanced flavors. Vineyards closest to the coast in the Central Coast AVA experience cool, foggy mornings and warmer afternoons, bringing out well-developed fruit flavors and balanced acidity in the grapes. Fruit from vineyards located more inland from the Sta. Rita Hills and Los Alamos Valley AVAs add spice and minerality to the wine. Sourcing from these varied regions within the Central Coast helps to create an elegant, fruit forward and richly textured wine.

HARVEST NOTES

Across California in 2020, the growing season was long and even, with low rainfall in the winter and mild spring temperatures. A warm summer was followed by a heatwave towards the end of the season allowing us to pick our fruit in August. These conditions allowed fruit to ripen evenly at a steady pace, making for a complex and well-balanced wine.

WINEMAKING NOTES

After harvest, the wine was fermented in open-top fermenters and punched down twice daily. This gentler and more traditional form of cap management helps to retain the soft tannin structure of Pinot Noir. The wine was then aged in 33% new French oak and 67% 1 & 2-year-old French oak for 8 months.

PH: 3.64	TA: 5.64 g/L	RS: 0.69 g/L	ALC. 13.6%
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