

2018

## SANTA NELLA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Each vintage, our winemaker selects the very best vineyards in Sonoma for our small production Single Vineyard series. Only vineyards with consistent superior quality for each particular varietal will be chosen to ensure that the best fruit is used in each of our wines.

### TASTING NOTES

Aromas of dried raspberry, dark chocolate cherry, cinnamon and anise. This wine has density and gravitas with a soft, rich entry, spicy mid-palate with clove and flavors of ripe raspberry, toasty pastry leading to a roasted marshmallow finish.

### FROM THE WINEMAKER

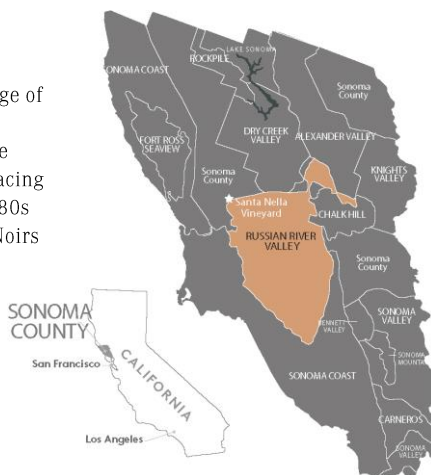
The 2018 vintage was mild and dry leading to a more historically average picking date. Our Santa Nella Pinot Noir grapes were night harvested on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We destemmed the grapes into stainless steel tanks and cold soaked them before undergoing fermentation for 3 weeks. The young wine was then pressed off the skins, settled and racked into 35% new oak barrels where the wine aged for 15 months.

### THE VINEYARD

#### SANTA NELLA VINEYARD

Russian River Valley AVA - Sonoma County

The Santa Nella Ranch is located at the western edge of the Russian River Valley Appellation. Here the proximity to the coast makes for a very cool climate that is moderated by the vineyard's southeastern facing slope. The vineyard was first established in the 1880s and produced one of the first Russian River Pinot Noirs in 1957.



### WINEMAKING DETAILS

**Composition:** 100% Pinot Noir  
**Harvest Date:** September 27, 2018  
**Harvest Method:** night hand  
**Aging:** French & Hungarian oak  
**Acidity/pH:** 6.6 / 3.70  
**Alcohol:** 15.2%

### VINEYARD DETAILS

**Region:** Russian River Valley  
**Planted Block Area:** 21 acres  
**Rootstock:** 5C Teleki  
**Clone:** 115 Pomard  
**Soil:** Hugo loam



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