

SEXTANT 2018

SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS PINOT NOIR



APPELLATION: Santa Lucia Highlands, California

WINEMAKING: Sourced from the highly acclaimed Santa Lucia Highlands region of Monterey County, the Sextant SLH Pinot Noir is an ode to Old World wines for New World palates. After a three day cold soak on the skins to help extract color and flavor, we inoculate with a special Pinor Noir specific yeast isolation. Fermented in an open top tank, we pump over this lot three times a day until fermentation has completed. A full secondary fermentation helps round out the mouthfeel. We aged this wine in about 15% new French oak to add spice and light tannin structure to the palate.

TASTING NOTES: The 2018 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir has beautiful balance between fruit and spice. Notes of strawberries and rose pedals are apparent on your first sniff. Upon further investigation you'll find classic Pinot Noir characteristics that include fresh wild mushrooms, dried plum and wet granite. Fruit driven acid on the palate transitions to a soft and supple tannin structure that rounds out this wine perfectly, enjoy!

TECHNICAL NOTES:

pH - 4.09	
Malolactic Fermentation - 100%	Residual Sugar - .02g/100mL
Total Acidity - .46g/100mL	Alcohol - 14%

SUGGESTED AGING: Enjoy now or cellar through 2029



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