

SEXTANT 2019

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 Pinot 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 20% new French oak to add spice and light tannin structure to the palate.

TASTING NOTES: Our 2019 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir presents a beautiful balance of fruit and earth, with upfront aromas of wild strawberry and mossy forest floor. Classic Pinot Noir characteristics follow, including Portobello mushroom, dried plum and wet granite. Bright acidity, a glassy texture and clean tannins make way for a lean finish with lingering hints of pine.

TECHNICAL NOTES:	pH - 3.87
Malolactic Fermentation - 100%	Residual Sugar - .07g/100mL
Total Acidity - .50g/100mL	Alcohol - 14.2%

SUGGESTED AGING: Enjoy now or cellar through 2030



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