



2019 PINOT NOIR

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Our Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir is often the first wine that people try from The Ojai Vineyard, so we are uncompromising when it comes to ensuring this wine's deliciousness. We only use top coastal vineyards in SB County, and always age the wine to completion in French oak barrels. This 2019 bottling weds our methods with all the goodness of a cool vintage made of winemakers' dreams.

This wine is always a great bargain, but this 2019 is another level. We typically bottle this wine after 9 months in barrel, when it has a nice skew toward fruity immediacy. With this wine it was just too primary then, so we bottled it with our single-vineyard Pinot Noirs after 14 months in barrel. We also allocated a good bit of new French oak for this wine (twenty-percent of the blend), which shows in the ample mid-palate.

This wine manifests all the aromas of classic Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir. The nose is full of spiced tea, flowers, and that distinct oceanic saltiness our region provides. It's pliant and silky on the palate, with swelling sweet red notes of berries and cherry that make a slow taper into resinous spice, smoky cedar and salinity. It's a more cerebral effect than we usually aim for with this wine, but it's definitely no less delicious!

BLEND 100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS 40% Bien Nacido, 29% Puerta Del Mar, 20% Kessler Haak, 11% Peake Ranch

ALCOHOL 13.0%

VINIFICATION 20% New French Oak

BARREL AGING 14 Months

PRODUCTION 790 cases

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