



RUSACK

## 2018 PINOT NOIR

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



VINTAGE: 2018

VARIETAL: 100% PINOT NOIR

AVA: SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

GROWER/RANCH: 50% SOLOMON HILLS, 30% JOHN SEBASTIANO, 20% FIDDLESTIX

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY: RUSACK VINEYARDS, SOLVANG, CA

BOTTLING DATE: AUGUST 2019

CASES PRODUCED: 700 CASES

RETAIL PRICE: \$34.00

RELEASE DATE: SPRING 2021

FERMENTATION: TEN DAY FERMENTATION FOLLOWED BY A 20 DAY EXTENDED MACERATION IN 1 TON OPEN BINS WITH REGULAR HAND PUNCH DOWNS

AGING: 11 MONTHS

100% FRENCH OAK (35% NEW)

BOTTLE ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL: 13.6%

pH: 3.72

TA: 0.560g/100ml

TASTING NOTES: THE 2018 RUSACK SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PINOT NOIR IS A WONDERFUL EXPRESSION OF WHAT OUR AREA'S COOLER CLIMATE WINES CAN BE. PACKED WITH BRIGHT JUICY NOTES OF STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES, AND CARAMEL, THIS WINE ALSO HAS SUBTLE HINTS OF ORANGE MERINGUE. FIRM ACIDITY AND AN ELEGANT BALANCE MAKE FOR A VERY APPROACHABLE, FOOD FRIENDLY, WINE.

*The grapes for this Pinot Noir are sourced from three separate vineyards located in the cool Northern and Western most growing areas of Santa Barbara County. Each vineyard is influenced by morning fogs and afternoon breezes from the nearby Pacific. All are perfectly matched climates for this particular varietal. We had these grapes picked in the early dawn and promptly delivered to our winery. Upon arrival, the fruit was gently de-stemmed, and placed into small 1-ton bins. They then underwent a ten day fermentation/maceration process, including at least two punch downs per day. The resulting wine was then gently pressed and transferred into French oak barrels (35% new) and aged for 11 months. This wonderful Pinot was then bottled unfiltered.*

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