

## 2019 El Jabali Pinot Noir

### Production Insights

#### **Who We Are**

Alma Rosa is deeply rooted in the winemaking history of the Santa Rosa Hills in the southern sector of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. Here, growing conditions combine sunshine with the powerful cooling influence of onshore winds and fog from the Pacific Ocean. The unique geography, chilly climate, and clay-loam soils attracted Richard Sanford to this area in the early 70s where he pioneered Pinot Noir in Santa Barbara County. Growing consistently balanced wines through sustainable farming is part of the enduring legacy of our founder Richard Sanford.

#### **Vineyard**

- 100% El Jabali Vineyard
- Clones 828, 943, 777 and 667

#### **Vintage Notes**

The 2019 growing season was long and mild, with a moist, foggy winter and a mild spring and summer. Summer concluded with a July heat spike with temperatures reaching into the high 90s. Due to the Sta. Rita Hills' position near the transverse mountain range, the vineyards experienced cool ocean breezes from the Pacific Ocean which allowed grapes to mature slowly, developing flavor concentration with optimal ripeness.

#### **Winemaking**

- Harvested between September 16 and September 20, 2019
- 6% whole cluster fermentation
- Fermented in 60% open wood tanks and 40% open stainless steel tanks
- Aged for 11 months in French oak, 40% new

#### **Tasting Notes**

The 2019 El Jabali Pinot Noir exhibits a gorgeous ruby color in the glass. Aromas of ripe strawberries and cherries are balanced by hints of Chinese five spice, anise and black pepper. Seductive notes of fresh lavender and rose petals fill the glass with each swirl. Wafts of cola and wild sage round out the nose. On the palate, flavors of plum and tart cherries are well balanced by the wine's vibrant acidity. Notes of black tea complement the well-structured tannins, giving this wine a complex, long finish. The 2019 El Jabali Pinot Noir is an example of varietal precision, showcasing the unique qualities from our estate location in the Sta. Rita Hills.



### Details

Production: 274 CS

Alcohol: 13.2%