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winery & vineyards

2020 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

Vintage Notes

2020 is most dramatically differentiated from 2019 and previous years by the extreme heat events of mid-August and September. In the extreme, temperatures exceeded 110F on 6 September 2020. More than a dozen 100F plus degree days were recorded in 2020, in contrast to only 2 in 2019, changing the course of our harvest and having us make decisions to mitigate the extreme heat. The growing season was dry with no rainfall during harvest.

Winemaking

- 12% whole custer fermented.
- Aged 15 months in 55% new French oak.
- Bottled unfiltered and unfined.

Tasting Notes

The 2020 El Jabali Pinot Noir presents a dark ruby color in the glass and showcases the expressive terroir of our estate vineyard with notes of rose petals, lilac, black tea and rhubarb, followed by strong notes of red fruit, tart dark cherries, raspberries, a hint of cocoa and white pepper. Chalky tannins are well integrated and balanced, giving this gorgeous Pinot Noir a long, mouthwatering finish.



Details

Production: 530 CS