



2021 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
- Blocks 6, 13, 16B and 17B
- Clones: 52%-943, 40%-777 and 8%-115

Vintage Notes

2021 was a near-perfect vintage in the Sta. Rita Hills. Mild and steady weather throughout the spring and summer allowed grapes to develop slowly with small berries and clusters. With only one pre-season rainfall, daily marine breezes from the Pacific Ocean just 10 miles away, and no extreme weather events, conditions were ideal for producing fruit of incredible quality, concentration and character.

Winemaking

- 12% whole cluster
- Fermented in open wood tanks, closed top stainless steel and bin fermented
- Free-run and barreled directly to 45% new French oak and allowed to go through natural malolactic fermentation; aged for a total of 11 months 55% open wood tank top, 30% closed top stainless steel and 15% bin fermented
- Wine sat on the gross lees until mid-July, then racked and allowed to settle naturally
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered

Tasting Notes

Alma Rosa's estate vineyard, El Jabali, was originally planted in 1983 by winery founder Richard Sanford. The 2021 El Jabali Pinot Noir reveals a radiantly deep ruby hue in the glass. Seductive aromas of red cherries, red currants, rhubarb, herbs and flowers harmonize gracefully, showcasing the terroir of Alma Rosa's estate vineyard. On the palate, delectable notes of red cherries, strawberries, and baking spices are framed by vibrant acidity and alluringly silky, seductive tannins.

