

Landmark Vineyards

2018 LA ENCANTADA PINOT NOIR



VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
BARREL REGIME	French oak aged for 10 months (35% new)
FERMENTATION	Native Yeast
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2019
ALCOHOL	14.4%

VINEYARD NOTES

Planted in the cool-climate Sta. Rita Hills AVA, the La Encantada Vineyard is situated approximately nine miles from the Pacific Ocean. Located off Santa Rosa Road in the southern valley of the appellation, this vineyard is known for the rare east/west orientation of the valley. It is situated on rolling hills and a mesa approximately 325' above the Santa Ynez riverbed. This orientation that allows it to be influenced by the fog and cool, relentless marine winds from the mighty Pacific Ocean to the West. The region's characteristic long growing season requires additional management vineyard practices by our grower partner at La Encantada that provide Landmark with the desired high-quality wine grapes. This source consistently produces a signature wine with a unique character, elegance and a deft balance lending a true sense of place.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The components of the 2018 La Encantada Vineyard Pinot Noir were night harvested on October 2nd and arrived at the winery in Kenwood in the morning. Three distinct vineyard blocks (667,777 and Pommard) were separately sorted and destemmed into one-ton fermenters where it could cold soak for 5 days. During fermentation, each lot is gently hand-punched and drained into new French oak (35% New). The blend was assembled and bottled after 10 months.

TASTING NOTES

Moderate ruby-purple in color with aromas of black cherry, red currant and violets with subtle, dusty hints of autumn leaves. The palate is moderate to full bodied and bright, featuring flavors of red cherry, pomegranate and ripe raspberry, balanced with barrel spice and oak with a lengthy finish of red fruit, spice and earthy notes.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

Complex with bright fruit and clean texture, the 2018 La Encantada Pinot Noir can be enjoyed with a variety of dishes from a Cranberry and Goat Cheese Crostini to savory dishes like Roasted Chicken with Herbed Potatoes.

WINERY HISTORY

Nestled at the base of the Mayacamas Mountains in the Sonoma Valley, Landmark Vineyards epitomizes the rustic grace and beauty of Sonoma County. Since 1974, Landmark has been dedicated to producing handcrafted, ultra-premium Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, sourcing grapes from unique vineyard sites throughout California to create rich, balanced wines.