

Landmark Vineyards



2018 DIERBERG PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2019
ALCOHOL	14.3%

VINEYARD NOTES

The Dierberg Drum Canyon Vineyard is idyllically situated in the northeastern edge of the prestigious Sta. Rita Hills appellation. This Santa Barbara County vineyard, noted for its Pinot Noir, is located nearly 350 miles south of Landmark's winery in Kenwood. The uniquely East-West oriented valley grants the unimpeded flow of fog and ocean breezes to shape distinct microclimates and makes the region one of the coolest viticultural areas in California. This highly esteemed hillside source for our Dierberg Vineyard Designate Pinot Noir is exposed to the persistent maritime influence that sweeps in daily from the Pacific Ocean. This phenomenon grants the vines a longer, slower growing season providing great structure and complexity in the wine. Our grapes were harvested at night and delivered to the winery in a refrigerated trailer providing Winemaker Greg Stach with superbly mature grapes to craft the 2018 vintage with its characteristic sense of place, The Sta. Rita Hills.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2018 Dierberg Pinot Noir comes from three blocks, (Calera, Swan and 115) that are mid-slope in the vineyard in this south-facing vineyard in the Eastern edge of the Santa Rita Hills. All three blocks were hand-harvested at night on September 22, 2018. Upon arrival at the winery, each lot is destemmed into one-ton fermenters and allowed to cold soak for 5 days before primary fermentation. During fermentation, the skins are gently punched into the wine twice a day to extract flavor and color. The free run and press wines are separated at dryness and put to French oak barrels (35% new) where and aged for ten months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby-purple color with aromas of cherry and red berry fruit, baking spice, leather, herbs and toasted oak. The palate is dry, medium-plus bodied and fresh, showing red cherry, plum and raspberry with vanilla on entry and savory dried herbs, leather with tobacco leaf on the mid-palate. The finish is moderately long with fine, medium tannins, candied cherry notes with a subtle camphor accent.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

Fresh and textured with bright fruit character and earthy accents, the 2018 Dierberg Pinot Noir is a great pairing with a pan-fried salmon fillet topped with sautéed shiitake mushrooms.