

Landmark Vineyards



2018 ESCOLLE ROAD PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Santa Lucia Highlands
BARREL REGIME	French oak (35% new)
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2019
ALCOHOL	14.4%

VINEYARD NOTES

The Escolle Road Vineyard is planted in the prestigious Santa Lucia Highlands appellation of Monterey County. This remarkable vineyard source is planted on a bench that lies approximately 300 feet above the Salinas Valley floor. This bottling represents our seventh vintage working hand in hand with our grower partners and is defined by their commitment to achieving the highest quality fruit from vintage to vintage. Experiencing the daily maritime influence of fog and brisk sea breezes from the Monterey Bay defines this as a cool climate region, perfect for growing World Class Pinot Noir. The resulting long growing season, slow fruit maturation and harvesting at ideal ripeness allows Landmark to craft a wine of exceptional balance, structure and quality.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2018 Escolle Vineyard Pinot Noir is sourced from three of our favorite blocks in the vineyard. Two blocks are 943 clone that provide structure and depth and a 667 clonal block provides roundness on the palate. Each block was handpicked the night of September 14, 2017 and delivered to the winery early in the morning. Each block is sorted and destemmed into one-ton fermenters. After a 5-day cold soak, the grapes begin to ferment and are gently punched down to extract color and flavor. Fermentation lasted about 15 days and at dryness each lot is drained separately in French oak and rests sur-lee for 10 months and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Medium ruby hue, with deep aromas of dark plum, boysenberry, and blackberry. The palate is full and fruit-driven, with mixed red berry and red plum fruit dominating. The mid-palate features muted cherry fruit with hints of camphor and baking spice with a long finish, featuring smoky barrel spice, medium tannins and a pleasant lingering mouth-filling texture on the finish.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

Pair with rich, flavorful dishes like slow cooked lamb shanks or a pork roast with a blackberry compote glaze.

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.