

# Landmark Vineyards



## 2019 LA ENCANTADA PINOT NOIR

<b>VARIETAL</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Sta. Rita Hills
<b>BARREL REGIME</b>	French oak aged for 10 months (35% new)
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Greg Stach
<b>BOTTLING DATE</b>	August 2020
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%

### VINEYARD NOTES

The La Encantada Vineyard was planted in the cool-climate Sta. Rita Hills AVA and is situated approximately nine miles from the Pacific Ocean. Located off Santa Rosa Road in the southern valley of this notable appellation, this highly praised vineyard was planted by Richard Sanford in 2001. Notable for the rare east/west orientation of the valley, La Encantada is situated on gentle rolling hills and a mesa approximately 325' above the Santa Ynez riverbed. It is this orientation that allows it to be consistently influenced by the fog and cool, relentless marine winds from the mighty Pacific Ocean to the West. The region's characteristic cool climate coupled with a long growing season requires additional management vineyard practices by our grower partners that provide Landmark with the desired high-quality, mature 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

Sourced near Lompoc in the Santa Rita Hills, the 2019 La Encantada Pinot Noir was harvested the nights of September 26<sup>th</sup> and September 28<sup>th</sup>. 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

Light purple ruby color and aromatic with black and red cherry, raspberry, oak, leather, and subtle mint notes. The palate is moderate to moderate plus bodied, with red and black fruit and a touch of cranberry, oak and notes of vanilla and cinnamon spice on entry. The mid-palate has bergamot and leather flavors with fine, medium tannins toward the moderately long and fresh finish showing a nice mix of sustained fruit and sweet spice with a just a hint of camphor.

### SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2019 La Encantada Pinot Noir really shows the character of Santa Barbara County Pinot with its fresh mix of fruit, spice with slightly earthy elements and a balanced mix of textures on the palate making it a great compliment to chicken cacciatore or a veal chop with a mustard cream sauce where the wines bold flavors will match the intensity of flavors and its freshness will keep the palate refreshed.

### TASTING NOTES BY GREG STACH, WINEMAKER

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