

Landmark Vineyards



2019 DIERBERG PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2020
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.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 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 12, 2019. 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

Bright, medium ruby/purple with complex aromas of ripe cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry, baking spice, autumn leaf, and camphor accents. On the palate it's dry with a mix of ripe red and black fruit on the entry complemented by vanilla and cinnamon spice and a touch of oak and dried tobacco leaf with moderate tannins and balancing acidity through the mid-palate. The finish is moderate to long and clean with lingering fruit, spice, and subtle camphor notes.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2019 Dierberg Pinot noir is an attractive mix of fruit, spice, earth, and textures that are perfectly balanced and make it a versatile food pairing wine. It's great with game like duck or venison with a red wine and herb pan sauce, or with the traditional Italian stuffed pork roast, Porchetta.