

Landmark Vineyards



2019 ESCOLLE ROAD PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Santa Lucia Highlands
BARREL REGIME	French oak for 10 months
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2020
ALCOHOL	14.4%

VINEYARD NOTES

Our 2019 Escolle Vineyard Pinot Noir was sourced from a vineyard planted on a bench that lies approximately 300 feet above the Salinas Valley floor. The Escolle Road Vineyard was planted in 2008 in the prestigious Santa Lucia Highlands appellation of Monterey County under the direction of the famed Caraccioli Family. This meticulously farmed vineyard, with an extreme attention to detailed wine growing makes it one of Landmark's favorite vineyard sources. This bottling represents our eighth vintage working with our grower partners hand in hand and is once again defined by their commitment to achieving the highest quality fruit from vintage to vintage. The relentless daily arrival of coastal fog and brisk sea breezes from Monterey Bay defines this as a cool climate region, perfect for growing World Class Pinot Noir. The slow fruit maturation and night hand-harvesting at ideal ripeness allows Landmark to craft a wine of exceptional balance, structure, quality, and longevity.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 Escolle Vineyard Pinot Noir is sourced from three of our favorite blocks in the vineyard. All three block are planted to 943 clone that provide structure and depth to the wine. Each block was handpicked the nights of September 19th, 24th, and 25th 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 purple color in the glass and aromatic with a complex mix of ripe dark fruit with layered spice of vanilla and cinnamon, with toasty oak and roasted coffee. The palate is rich and nearly full with black cherry, black berry, and sweet spice notes on entry and toasted oak, leather, and dried herbs on the mid-palate leading to a long finish with supporting tannins, lingering cherry, berry, and spice notes.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2019 Escolle Road Pinot Noir shows the intensity and richness that Monterey County Pinot Noirs are famous for. Pair it with a filet mignon with sautéed mushrooms, or with dark chocolate and raspberry artisanal chocolates.

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.