

# Landmark Vineyards

## 2020 DIERBERG PINOT NOIR

<b>VARIETAL</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Sta. Rita Hills
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Greg Stach
<b>BOTTLING DATE</b>	August 2021
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	13.8%

### VINEYARD NOTES

Noted for its exceptional pinot noir grapes, the Dierberg Drum Canyon Vineyard is planted in Santa Barbara County approximately 350 south of Landmark's winery in Kenwood. This Sta. Rita Hills appellation vineyard is located along Highway 246 in the slightly warmer, north eastern portion of the uniquely East-West oriented valley. The geologic alignment of this appellation concedes to the unimpeded flow of fog and brisk ocean breezes that define the distinctive microclimates in this agricultural region. By growing Pinot Noir in one of the coolest viticultural regions in California, the hillside blocks of the Dierberg Drum Canyon Vineyard have a longer, slower growing season that are expressed with the great structure and complexity of this wine. The grapes were hand harvested at night to retain the integrity of the clusters and berries.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2020 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 Sta. Rita Hills. All three blocks were hand-harvested at night and delivered the next morning. 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

Attractive medium plum color with slow forming lightly stained tears on the glass. The nose is aromatic with red and black cherries, ripe berries, dried herbs, baking spice, oak and cured meat notes. The entry on the palate is bright with red cherry, strawberry and red berry with vanilla spice and a hint of saffras appearing on the mid palate. Fine, medium tannins and fresh, balanced acidity dwell through the moderate finish with notes of cherry candy, barrel spice and subtle oak.

### SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2020 Dierberg Pinot Noir is a great wine to pair with pomegranate glazed pork loin served with a brown and wild rice mix with barberries.

