

Landmark Vineyards



2021 LA ENCANTADA PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
BARREL REGIME	French oak-aged (35% new) for 10 months
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2022
ALCOHOL	14.2% by volume

VINEYARD NOTES

The La Encantada Vineyard is located off Santa Rosa Road on the western portion of the southern valley of this appellation. Notable for the rare east/west orientation of the valley, this location is influenced by the fog and cool, relentless maritime winds from the mighty Pacific Ocean to the west. The Sta. Rita Hills' characteristically long growing season requires additional vineyard management practices by our grower partner at La Encantada, which ultimately provides Landmark with these highly desired grapes.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Sourced near Lompoc in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA, the 2021 La Encantada Pinot Noir was hand-harvested the night of October 13. Three distinct vineyard blocks were separately sorted and destemmed into one-ton fermenters where they could cold-soak for five days. During fermentation, each lot was gently hand-punched and drained into French oak barrels (35% new) and aged for 10 months prior to bottling; 28 barrels were made.

TASTING NOTES

Medium-concentrated ruby red core that brightens at the rim, showing aromas of complex blackberry, raspberry, and Bing cherry with vanilla, baking spice, and dried rose petal. The palate is medium-bodied with tart plum, cranberry, and pomegranate on entry with savory notes of chanterelle mushroom, herbs de Provence, and toasted oak filling the midpalate. The wine is perfectly balanced with fresh acidity, finely textured tannins, and a lengthy finish of sustained fruit and spice notes.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2021 La Encantada Vineyard Pinot Noir is complex and balanced, showing a mix of ripe fruit, bright acidity, and savory spice. With the wine's underlying earthy notes, it's a great match alongside a warm bowl of roasted mushroom soup.

TASTING NOTES BY GREG STACH, WINEMAKER

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