

Landmark Vineyards

2021 ESCOLLE ROAD PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
APELLATION	Santa Lucia Highlands
BARREL REGIME	French oak-aged for 10 months
PRODUCTION	28 barrels
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	August 2022
ALCOHOL	14.3% by volume

VINEYARD NOTES

The Escolle Road Vineyard is planted on a bench approximately 300 feet above the Salinas Valley floor in the prestigious Santa Lucia Highlands appellation. The relentless coastal fog and brisk sea breezes from Monterey Bay are perfect for growing pinot noir. These conditions influenced a long growing season and slow fruit maturation, which produced a wine of exceptional balance, structure, and quality.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2021 Escolle Road Pinot Noir is sourced from three of our favorite blocks in the vineyard, all of which are planted to the 943 clone that provides structure and depth to the wine. Grapes were handpicked the nights of September 5 and 6 and then sorted and destemmed into one-ton fermenters. After a five-day cold soak, the grapes began to ferment and were gently punched down to extract color and flavor. At dryness, each lot was drained separately into French oak barrels and rested sur-lie for 10 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Rich red color with complex aromas of red currant, strawberry, violet flower, cedar, and anise on the nose. On the palate, the entry is nuanced with cranberry, red cherry, mushroom, and vanilla, with anise appearing on the midpalate along with finely textured medium tannins and fresh, balanced acidity. The finish is long with red berry, exotic spice, and integrated oak.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2021 Escolle Road Pinot Noir shows a depth of flavor that pairs well with poultry, such as a wine-and-spice-marinated grilled chicken with farm farro salad, or seared duck breast served alongside cranberry jus and almond rice pilaf.

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.

