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## 2016 SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS PINOT NOIR

Nestled next to the Santa Lucia mountain range and bathed in fog and maritime breezes from nearby Monterey Bay, the Santa Lucia Highlands are an ideal place to grow Pinot Noir.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2016 bud break was earlier than average. With no frost events, the growing year was off to a great start. Warm and sunny days followed during fruit set, resulting in even cluster development. After fruit set, the growing climate was classic: cool mornings followed by warm and sunny afternoons with no dramatic heat events. Verasion was early again, starting in late June. One or two heat spells signaled the vines to stop growing canopy and ripen the crop. The nights and mornings were cool, with daytime temperatures staying moderate in July, then heating up in the beginning of August. Harvest began early in an orderly fashion, but a brief heat and low-humidity event pushed speedy picking for blocks that were at optimum Brix. After the heat, the rest of the grapes were at optimum Brix, which allowed us the luxury to let the fruit mature and focus in on flavor and tannin development.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine opens to reveal aromas of dried herb, dark plum, and black tea. Earthy dark chocolate wraps around a core of cherry fruit flavor on a plush palate, evolving into seamless minerality on the finish.



**AGING** on 100% French oak barrels

**ALCOHOL** 14.5%

**TOTAL ACIDITY** 5.69 g/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 0.03 g/L

**pH** 3.79

GREAT TASTE LIVES HERE