



"THE WINDS OF SONOMA LENT US OUR NAME. BE IT A STEADY BREEZE OR A FIRM GUST, AN ANABATIC WIND IS ONE THAT FLOWS UP THE HILLS OF A VINEYARD DURING CALM AND SUNNY WEATHER."

—JOHN SWEAZEY, PROPRIETOR

2016 PINOT NOIR, SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS SOBERANES VINEYARD

VINEYARD NOTES

The Soberanes Vineyard, located in the heart of the Santa Lucia Highlands, builds upon a tradition of high quality growing practices. Working together, the Pisoni and Franscioni families, whose friendship spans three generations and are known for the Pisoni, Garys', Rosella's and Sierra Mar Vineyards, added Soberanes Vineyard to their portfolio. Pinot Noir is often referred to as the Holy Grail of wines and one of the most challenging grapes to grow. A perfect fit for the cold pockets of California's coastline, the variety produces beautiful wines in the Santa Lucia Highlands. The Salinas Valley fog and wind allow for slow ripening — a requirement for producing intense, yet elegant Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

Rich, full aromatics speak volumes — ripe plum, dark cherry, crushed raspberry, cherry cola and Christmas spices. The powerful yet elegant palate is expressive as well with lush blackberry and black plum that is layered and evolving with balanced spice. Great structure and lingering finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands

Vineyards: Soberanes Vineyard

Clones: Pisoni

Harvest: 8/31

Brix: 24.2

TA: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.44

Alcohol: 14.4%

Method/Aging: Hand harvested and sorted then de-stemmed. 4 to 5-day cold soak. Fermented in stainless. Gentle pump-over and punch-downs during fermentation. Aged 20 months in 100% French oak, 30% of which was new.

Cooperage: François Frères, Redmond, Cavin

Cases Produced: 241

Retail: \$56/bottle

