



2021 La Encantada Pinot Noir

Production Insights

Who We Are

Alma Rosa is deeply rooted in the winemaking history of the Santa Rosa Hills in the southern sector of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. Here, growing conditions combine sunshine with the powerful cooling influence of onshore winds and fog from the Pacific Ocean. The unique geography, chilly climate, and clay-loam soils attracted Richard Sanford to this area in the early 70s where he pioneered Pinot Noir in Santa Barbara County. Growing consistently balanced wines through sustainable farming is part of the enduring legacy of our founder Richard Sanford.

Vineyard

- 100% La Encantada Vineyard
- 60% Clone 777 (Block 2) and 40% Clone 115 (Block 15)

Vintage Notes

2021 was a near-perfect vintage in the Sta. Rita Hills. Mild and steady weather throughout the spring and summer allowed grapes to develop slowly with small berries and clusters. With only one pre-season rainfall, daily marine breezes from the Pacific Ocean just 10 miles away, and no extreme weather events, conditions were ideal for producing fruit of incredible quality, concentration and character.

Winemaking

- Block 2- 100% destemmed, Block 15- whole-cluster fermented
- Fermented 50% in open stainless-steel tank, 50% in 1-ton bins
- Free-run and press-blended in tank and barreled down in 40% new French oak and allowed to go through natural malolactic fermentation; aged for a total of 11 months
- Wine sat on gross lees until mid-July when it was racked off the lees and allowed to settle naturally
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered

Tasting Notes

Year after year, Pinot Noir from the La Encantada Vineyard unveils its distinct charm. With a medium ruby hue in the glass, the 2021 La Encantada Pinot Noir is delicate yet captivating. The nose offers aromas of red roses, red berries, and a touch of forest floor. The palate features plenty of red fruit flavors, including red currants, cherries and strawberries, which are complemented by bright acidity, chalky tannins and a spicy finish.

