

2021 Radian 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% Radian Vineyard
- Clone 48C

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 off 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

- 70% fermented in closed stainless-steel tanks, 30% fermented in 1-ton bins (20% whole cluster)
- Cold soak for 4 to 5 days, following the 10-12 days of fermentation
- Free run and barreled in 50% 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 raked and allowed to settle naturally
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered

Tasting Notes

Radian is the westernmost vineyard planted along Santa Rosa Road in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. Due to the site's close proximity to the Pacific Ocean, this vineyard is one of the coolest and most extreme in the region. Steep and rugged, Radian is further distinguished by its unique soils which made up of primarily diatomaceous earth. The 2021 Radian Pinot Noir displays a stunning ruby-red color in the glass. On the nose, a delicate blend of rose petals intertwines seamlessly with hints of dried herbs, cloves, red currant, strawberries and wet stone. On the palate, this wine offers a luscious, full-bodied experience with a burst of juicy red and dark fruit flavors including blueberries, dried cranberries, cocoa dusted cherries, black tea and a long and persistent finish. Bright acidity remains constant throughout, supported by impeccably developed, well-structured tannins that add to the wine's allure. It's truly seductive and alluring!

