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WINERY & VINEYARDS

2018 El Jabali 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. In 1983 he established El Jabali on our home ranch as one of the first organically certified vineyards on the Central Coast. Growing consistently balanced wines through organic farming is part of the enduring legacy of founder Richard Sanford.

Vineyard

- 100% El Jabali Vineyard
- Farmed organically under CCOF certification
- 3.3 acres of Mt. Eden clone Pinot, on deficit irrigation in alluvial soils

Vintage Notes

Following a cool spring that led into a cool early summer, the 2018 enjoyed ideal conditions for steady development of sugars and phenolics. A couple of warm spikes in August were followed by cooling fog and winds that moderated the vintage and led to a mid-September harvest.

Winemaking

- Harvested at night on October 1.
- 100% destemmed to stainless steel for a 21-day skin contact period.
- Aged for 11 months in small French oak coopered by Tonnellerie Chassin, 40% new.

Tasting Notes

Alluring garnet to the rim of the glass. Our 2018 rendition of the old vine El Jabali estate vineyard delivers aromas of fig, rose petals and violets. Further earthy and herbal notes offer a complex impression that is characteristic of these 35-year-old vines. On the palate, fresh, racy acidity and bright red cherry and cranberry flavors are balanced by smoky, fine-grained tannins that frame a long and satisfying finish. This vineyard is known for producing wine that evolves for several years after vintage. Enjoy this unfiltered wine now with grilled meats or cellar for several years to enhance the savory aromas that are classic to our special vineyard.



Production: 210 CS

