



NIELSON by BYRON SANTA BARBARA PINOT NOIR 2013

Appellation: Santa Barbara County, California; USA

Winemaker: Jonathan Nagy
Closure: Screwcap
Alcohol: 13.5%



Vineyard

Byron's history is inextricably woven into the fabric of Santa Barbara County. The estate vineyard is the site of the region's first commercial vineyard, planted in 1964 by Uriel Nielson. For the past two decades the trials and experiments on clones, rootstocks and trellising have helped establish cool-climate farming protocols throughout California's coastal winegrowing regions. Today, Byron produce renowned Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays from estate and other marquee vineyards in Santa Barbara County

Tasting Notes

This elegant Pinot Noir features fruit from three of Santa Barbara's greatest AVAs: Sta. Rita Hills, Los Alamos and Santa Maria Valley.. The wine is fruit forward, spicy, silky and true to its origins. It was aged in mature French oak barrels to push the pure fruit flavors to the forefront. Key characteristics include Bing cherries, earth and strawberries. The acidity is bright and the balance is impeccable.

Winemaker's Comments

Among California's coolest AVAs, Santa Barbara County enjoys one of the world's longest growing seasons. The region's terroir is defined by well-drained soils and a Pacific maritime climate that is fresh, arid and windy.

The grapes were night harvested and cold soaked prior to fermentation to enhance fruit character, color and body. The wine was aged for eight months in small French oak barrels.

Vintage

The 2013 vintage was an overall dry year with a moderate winter and spring. These conditions led to an abundance of extremely high quality fruit with flavors of dark berry, cherry, hints of floral and mineral.

Stats

Appellation	Santa Barbara County
Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Barrel Regime	8 Months in 100% French Oak 3% new
TA	.56g/100ml
PH	3.56

