



2024 SOBERANES VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

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WINEMAKER NOTES

Named for the historic Spanish land grant on which it is planted, Soberanes sits beside Garys' Vineyard but has its own distinct character. Tighter rows running true north toward the sun promote concentration, while the site consistently gives us one of our juiciest and most expressive Pinot Noirs. The 2024 opens with blackberry perfume, clove, and savory charcuterie notes. Plush and energetic on the palate, it moves into black cherry and lifted herbs, with graphite and chaparral carrying through the long, fresh finish

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2024 vintage opened with a return to normal winter rainfall, approximately 12–14 inches. While our region remains inherently cool, the summer brought a run of warmer days compared to especially cool recent vintages like 2023 and 2025. A short burst of heat around Labor Day jump-started ripening in our earlier ripening blocks. Cooler fall weather followed, extending hangtime and allowing flavors to deepen on the vine. The result was a harvest that unfolded in two distinct phases: early lots showed vibrant, juicy fruit with bright natural acidity and a softer profile, while later picks developed more concentrated flavors, richer textures, and layered complexity. Together, these contrasting elements created exceptional blending opportunities in the cellar.

Winemaker: Scott Shapley

Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands

Farming: Sustainable (SIP Certified)

Harvest: September 31 - October 9, 2024

Clones: 667, Pisoni

Oak: 100% French oak, 69% new

Aging: 10 months in barrel

Alcohol: 14.7%

Acid: 3.63 pH

Production: 280 cases made

2024: 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*

2023: 95 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*

2022: 95 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*

2021: 94 pts, *Antonio Galloni's Vinous*

2020: Not produced due to CA wildfires

2019: 95 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*

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Planted beside Garys' Vineyard on rockier terrain, Soberanes yields Pinot Noir with intensity and savory depth. This vintage opens with dark berry, seared herbs, and leather, then expands into cola, chaparral, and concentrated black cherry. The palate is dense yet smooth, with a long finish of lifted fruit and subtle tobacco. Balanced acidity and supple tannins frame the wine's wild edge, capturing the raw beauty and untamed energy of the Santa Lucia Highlands.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2023 season rewarded patience and precision. Generous winter rains of 22.5 inches, well above our typical 14 inches, replenished vines and fostered healthy canopies, minimizing irrigation needs. Budbreak, bloom, and veraison arrived about two weeks later than average. A mild spring and summer gave way to a long, gentle ripening period. A brief warm spell in early October pushed the fruit to optimal ripeness, leading to a brisk harvest that was later than normal. In the cellar, fermentations were slow and steady, allowing the wines to develop beautifully.

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Harvest: October 4, 2023
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Oak: 100% French oak, 67% new
Aging: 10 months in barrel
Alcohol: 14.7%
Acid: 3.59 pH
Production: 333 cases made
2023: 95 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*
2022: 95 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*
2021: 94 pts, *Antonio Galloni's Vinous*
2020: Not produced due to CA wildfires
2019: 95 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2018: 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2017: 96 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*
2016: 97 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*

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