SIDURI®

Siduri, named for the Babylonian goddess of wine, specializes in cool-climate Pinot Noir from growing regions across California and Oregon. Winemaker Adam Lee's constant pursuit of Pinot perfection has led to long-standing relationships with top growers in premier appellations from Oregon's Willamette Valley to California's Santa Barbara County.



2018 PINOT NOIR
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Siduri has been producing wines from Santa Barbara County since the 2000 vintage. The proximity of the vineyards to the Pacific Ocean produces wines with crisp acidity and beautiful aromatics. Our Santa Barbara County vineyards are some of our coolest sites, which promotes a longer hang time, deep colors and polished tannins. 20% whole cluster fermentation on the ripest stems adds earthiness and complexity to complement the unique flavors, structure and aromatics that Santa Barbara County provides.

VINEYARDS: John Sebastiano, La Encantada, Rice, Byron

AROMATICS: Black Plum, Fig, Cremini Mushroom, Rhubarb

PALATE: Fresh blackberry, plum, savory herbs. Broad, rich mid-palate, which is accented by fresh acidity and soft tannins.

ALCOHOL: 14.5% | TA: .55 | PH: 3.66

AGING: 30% new French oak for 10 months

CLONES: 115, 667, 777, 828, Pommard and Swan

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 growing season provided a welcome reprieve from the challenges and extremes of 2017. A common sentiment in the area was a 'return to normal,' after experiencing a string of drought-affected vintages and earlier picking times. Temperatures in the Santa Maria Valley and Sta. Rita Hills routinely peaked in the 70s throughout the summer months, with only a handful of days climbing over 80 degrees in June and July. The mild summer led to mild and dry fall weather without any major heat events, which allowed fruit to ripen evenly on the vine. These factors contributed to a later start to harvest than previous vintages. The mild weather and lack of fall rain produced rich, opulent wines with intense color and aromatics.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The fruit source of the 2018 Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir was primarily the Sta. Rita Hills, with a splash of Santa Maria Valley providing an additional layer of aromatic finesse and vibrancy. Whole cluster fermentations were employed judiciously to add earthy complexity to the dark, ripe flavors of the fruit. Destemmed fermentations showed pure and vibrant fruit almost instantly, making cellaring and blending the 2018 vintage a true joy. The 2018 vintage was very friendly to winemakers in Santa Barbara County, and we were rewarded with a complex, yet immediately enjoyable wine that is quintessential Santa Barbara County.

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