

MONUMENT VINEYARD

2013 PINOT NOIR

WINERY DESCRIPTION

For most of Byron's 30 year history, it has been known for single vineyard expressions of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Today our focus remains on site specific wines from Santa Barbara County's distinctive vineyard locations, in both Santa Maria Valley and Sta. Rita Hills.

To really understand Byron, one must spend some time exploring the Nielson Vineyard that surrounds the winery. More than just Byron's Estate Vineyard, it has historical significance as Santa Barbara's first commercial vineyard planted in 1964. Cold winds and thin soils ensure that Byron wines possess great intensity, heightened aromatics and firm structure.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Our flagship wine, the 2013 Byron Monument Pinot Noir is crafted from the best blocks of our estate vineyard. Primary aromas of ripe blackberry, cherry, and cassis mingle with secondary notes of vanilla bean and star anise. The palate is layered and complex, with flavors of black cherry, blackberry, sweet oak, licorice, and toasted brown spice. The finish displays great depth, with a rich and velvety mouthfeel.

THE WINE

APPELLATION	SANTA MARIA VALLEY
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	IOO% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	100% french oak, 78% new
CASES PRODUCED (9L)	120

THE VINEYARD

CLIMATE	COOL, MARINE INFLUENCE
SOIL TYPE	ALLUVIAL OUTCROPPINGS, SANDY LOAM, BENCHLAND SOILS
DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN	18 miles
ELEVATION	500 to 800 feet above sea level
YEAR PLANTED	FIRST COMMERCIAL VINEYARD PLANTED IN 1964, REPLANTED IN 2000
CLONES	dijon clones 114, 667, pommard
ASPECT	SOUTH FACING SLOPE
SUSTAINABLE	CCSW CERTIFIED, SIP CERTIFIED