

BYRON

NIELSON VINEYARD 2013 *PINOT NOIR*

WINERY DESCRIPTION

For most of Byron's 30 year history, it has been known for single vineyard site expressions of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Today our focus remains on vineyard designate 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

This wine is a combination of Dijon and Heritage clones planted in sandy soils on our estate Nielson Vineyard. The site's location at the warmer, east end of the Santa Maria Valley accounts for the dark color and ripe flavor profile. This wine was 100% destemmed to accentuate the rich texture and seamless tannins, then cold-soaked for three to five days to intensify fruit character, color, and body. Primary aromas include black berries, rose petals and earth.

THE WINE

APPELLATION	SANTA MARIA VALLEY
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	100% FRENCH OAK, 35% NEW
CASES PRODUCED	1,750

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

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