

BYRON

JOHN SEBASTIANO VINEYARD

2014 *PINOT NOIR*

WINERY DESCRIPTION

A good share of Byron winemaking takes place in the vineyard, where winemaker Jonathan Nagy selects individual rows and blocks for their potential to express both variety and site—focusing particularly on clones that best exemplify Byron’s balanced, textural and site-expressive style.

Byron’s site-specific Pinot Noirs are deeply rooted in the vineyards of Santa Barbara County’s two defining appellations: Santa Maria Valley and Sta. Rita Hills. The wines explore each vineyard’s block and row distinctions defined by soil, microclimate, fog cover, wind, exposure, elevation, clonal selection and farming techniques.

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One of Sta. Rita Hills’ newest and most exciting plantings, this vineyard sits along the eastern border of the AVA. The site’s 100-acres benefit from a myriad of exposures and marine influences, which together with premium clonal selection and high-density planting, produce exceptionally small clusters and berries. The resulting ratio of skins to fruit creates dark, rich and concentrated wines with beguiling floral aromatics.

THE WINE

APPELLATION	STA. RITA HILLS
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	15 MONTHS AGING; 100% FRENCH OAK, 45% NEW
CASES PRODUCED (9L)	349
ALCOHOL	14.4%
TA	4.9g/L
PH	3.65

THE VINEYARD

CLIMATE	COOL, MARINE INFLUENCE
SOIL TYPE	DIATOMACEOUS EARTH AND LOAM
DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN	10 MILES
ELEVATION	500 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
YEAR PLANTED	2007
CLONES	POMMARD SOURCED FROM BLOCK 28B AND SWAN FROM BLOCK I
ASPECT	WEST-FACING HILLSIDES

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