

BYRON

SIERRA MADRE 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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Located on sandy bluffs, just ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, Sierra Madre Vineyard is the westernmost and coolest of Byron’s Santa Maria sites. Nutrient-starved, marine soils force good root development, small yields and concentrated flavors. The wines express balance and elegance, with flavors of brambly fruit and graphite and a hint of wilted rose petal.

THE WINE

APPELLATION	SANTA MARIA VALLEY
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	15 MONTHS AGING; 100% FRENCH OAK, 31% NEW
CASES PRODUCED (9L)	348
ALCOHOL	14.2%
TA	5.0G/L
PH	3.71

THE VINEYARD

CLIMATE	COOL, MARINE INFLUENCE
SOIL TYPE	GAREY SANDY-LOAM AND PLEASANTON SANDY-LOAM
DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN	10 MILES
ELEVATION	215 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
YEAR PLANTED	1974
CLONES	667
ASPECT	SOUTH FACING SLOPE
SUSTAINABLE	SIP CERTIFIED

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