

BYRON

JOHN SEBASTIANO

2016 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 wine exhibits dark plum and dark cherry with brown spice and hints of saltiness. The core is of black fruit with a finish that is long and smokey with hints of brown spice.

THE WINE

APPELLATION	SANTA RITA HILLS
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	14 MONTHS IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK
ALCOHOL	13.4%
TA	5.1 GM/L
PH	3.72

THE VINEYARD

CLIMATE	COOL, MARINE INFLUENCE
SOIL TYPE	DIATOMACEOUS EARTH AND LOAM
DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN	10 MILES
ELEVATION	500 FEET
YEAR PLANTED	2007
CLONES	777
ASPECT	SOUTH WEST
SUSTAINABLE	SIP CERTIFIED

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