

# BYRON

## JULIA'S 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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Home to Santa Barbara's oldest Pinot Noir vines, Julia's Vineyard was first planted between 1970 and 1971 on the site of the original Tepusquet Vineyard. Its location is directly in the path of the cooling ocean winds and fog that funnel through the valley, further extending the hang time and flavor development of these prized older vines. Our 2014 Julia's Vineyard Pinot Noir displays a complexity not often seen in Pinot Noir. The palate contains familiar bright cherry and floral notes marked by a unique cotton seed signature and tremendous structure for aging. Rich and textured, the finish trails away with a slight touch of smoke.

### THE WINE

APPELLATION	SANTA MARIA VALLEY
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	15 MONTHS AGING; 100% FRENCH OAK, 39% NEW
CASES PRODUCED (9L)	342
ALCOHOL	13.9%
TA	4.9g/L
PH	3.74

### THE VINEYARD

CLIMATE	COOL, MARINE INFLUENCE
SOIL TYPE	ANCIENT ALLUVIAL, SANDY-LOAM
DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN	15 MILES
ELEVATION	500 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
YEAR PLANTED	1970, PART OF THE ORIGINAL TEPUSQUET VINEYARD
CLONES	POMMARD CLONE 4 FROM TWO ROWS OF LOW VIGOR "OLD VINES"
ASPECT	SOUTH FACING SLOPE
SUSTAINABLE	SIP CERTIFIED

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