

BYRON

JULIA'S VINEYARD

2015 *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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Julia's Vineyard is home to Santa Barbara's oldest producing Pinot Noir vines planted in the 1970s. The fruit for this wine was selected from two low vigor, "old vine" rows planted to the Pommard clone 4. During fermentation, a combination of punchdowns and pump-overs is used to circulate the skins and juice, ensuring maximum extraction. The core is infused with red fruit, cranberries, and spice. The finish is long, smoky and elegant.

THE WINE

APPELLATION	SANTA MARIA VALLEY
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	15 MONTHS AGING; 100% FRENCH OAK, 45% NEW
CASES PRODUCED (9L)	275
ALCOHOL	13.4%
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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