

BYRON

JULIA'S VINEYARD

2017 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 Chinese five spice and toast with a dark berry and cherry finish.

THE WINE

APPELLATION	SANTA MARIA VALLEY
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	15 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK, 66% NEW
BARRELS PRODUCED (9L)	2
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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