

BYRON[®]

FIDDLESTIX VINEYARD

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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Fiddlestix Vineyard is located at the 7th mile of Santa Rosa Road in the South-Western portion of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. This vineyard has a long growing season due to the coastal influence brought by the Pacific Ocean and is nestled in between the Santa Rita Hills, and the Santa Rosa Hills. In addition to its ideal location, the soils are unique and expressive which lead to a well-balanced and very site-specific wine. The 2016 Fiddlestix Vineyard Pinot Noir shows violet and blueberry characteristics, along with earth, hints of black tea and a long smoky finish.

THE WINE

APPELLATION	STA. RITA HILLS
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	16 months in 100% new French oak and 46% new.
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TA	5.4 gm/L
PH	3.66

THE VINEYARD

CLIMATE	COOL, MARINE INFLUENCE
SOIL TYPE	WELL-DRAINED GAZOS AND BOTELLA CLAY LOAM, LOADED WITH CHERT AND MONTEREY SHALE
DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN	7 MILES
ELEVATION	200 FEET
YEAR PLANTED	1996
CLONES	777 AND 667
ASPECT	NORTHWEST FACING
SUSTAINABLE	SIP CERTIFIED

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