

BYRON

SOLOMON HILLS

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.

VINEYARD & WINE DESCRIPTION

Solomon Hills is the western most vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley. The vineyard was planted in the late 1990’s and named Solomon Hills after Salomon Pico, the bandit that traveled along the El Camino Real in the 1850’s (the inspiration for Zorro). It is the western most vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley. The wine offers complex aromatics of Chinese five spice, cumin, rose petal, dark cherry and smoke. It is dark cherry with rich, silky tannins and a smoke finish.

THE WINE

APPELLATION	SANTA MARIA VALLEY
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	16 MONTHS IN 100% FRENCH OAK, 40% NEW
ALCOHOL	13.7%
TA	5.4 GM/L
PH	3.83
CASES PRODUCED	211

THE VINEYARD

SOIL TYPE	OCEAN DERIVED SANDY LOAM
DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN	11 MILES
ELEVATION	676 FEET
YEAR PLANTED	1998
CLONES	2A & 115
ASPECT	WEST, SOUTHWEST
SUSTAINABLE	SIP

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