

# Santa Barbara Winery

## Wine Description and Statistics



### HARVEST

Oct.12-Nov.16, 2012

Sugar: 25.3 Brix

### VINEYARD

76% Lafond

15% Arita Hills

9% Burning Creek

### WINE

Aged in 185 French barrels

10 months in barrel

Total Acid: .69

pH: 3.47

Alcohol: 14.4%

Bottled Aug. 23-27, 2013

Produced: 4618 cases

## Santa Rita Hills

### 2012 Pinot Noir

The Santa Rita Hills is a small appellation at the western end of the Santa Ynez Valley that has gained national recognition for its Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

The Valley runs west to east permitting the late afternoon ocean fog to roll into the Santa Rita Hills, where it lingers until early morning. The surrounding hills trap the fog before it is dissipated in the wider Santa Ynez Valley.

In the summer the fog moderates the normally warm days of the valley, cooling the grapes at night. Warm days and cool nights are essential to the development of Pinot Noir providing the necessary acid/sugar balance.

In the spring when frost is our biggest concern a layer of fog over the vineyard can provide protection.

**Winemaker Comments:** This Pinot Noir includes 9 clones fermented in 19 separate tanks. The grapes are from our 3 vineyards with varying terrain. This is truly an expression of Santa Rita Hills Pinot Noir.

**Gold Medal** 2014 San Diego Int. Wine Competition

**Gold Medal** 2014 Orange County Wine Competition

**Double Gold Medal** 2014 Women's Intl. Wine Competition

