



MORGAN

2022 Double L Vineyard Pinot Noir



PLACE

Located in the well-drained foothills above the Salinas Valley, the Santa Lucia Highlands Appellation is California's most distinctive region for growing terroir-driven wines. Strong afternoon winds and coastal fog originating from nearby Monterey Bay flow through the AVA, resulting in one of the longest growing seasons in North America.

Conscientiously farmed since the original plantings in 1997, today Morgan's Double L Estate Vineyard is the only certified organic vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Located at the northern end of the AVA, the vineyard's north-south row orientation provides optimal wind and sun exposure.

VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season commenced in early March, after a dry winter and freezing temperatures just before budbreak. Cool and windy weather throughout flowering, paired with drought conditions, led to reduced cluster counts across the region. Above average summer temperatures and decreased marine layer, along with a heatwave Labor Day Weekend, compelled an early, concentrated harvest that concluded by mid October. The vintage provided clean, fruit-driven, and fairly opulent – wines that truly tell a story.

WINE

The grapes were hand picked and sorted in the vineyard, then sorted a second time at the winery. Native and cultured yeasts began fermentation in open top tanks. After fermentation, the wine was transferred into 41% new French oak for 11 months of aging.

The 2022 Double L Pinot Noir is rich yet energetic. Aromas of pomegranate, cloves, and dried herbs are supported on the palate by hibiscus, dark cherry, and baking spices. This wine features a medium body with elegant tannins – an exquisite match for duck confit or prime rib.

APPELLATION:	Santa Lucia Highlands
VINEYARD:	Double L
CLONES:	LT, 943, Swan, 115, P5, P4
SOIL:	Chualar Loam (Granitic)
CLIMATE:	Very Cool, Region I (UCD)
COOPERAGE:	11 months in French Oak, 41% new

ALCOHOL:	13.4%
ACIDITY:	5.4 g/l
pH:	3.53

PRODUCTION:	510 cases
RETAIL PRICE:	\$75. ⁰⁰