

TECHNICAL DATA

COMPOSITION 100% PINOT NOIR VINEYARD 39% DOCTOR'S 29% SMITH 23% HOOK 9% LONE OAK COOPERAGE 35% NEW FRENCH OAK 65% NEUTRAL OAK AGED FOR 14 MONTHS APPELLATION SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS ACIDITY 5.6 g/L ALCOHOL 14.5%

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2019 PINOT NOIR



HAHN'S SLH VINEYARDS

Vineyards planted in the Santa Lucia Highlands experience a long and dry growing season that results in wines with remarkable depth, complexity and ripe fruit flavors. Hahn's SLH vineyards — Lone Oak, Doctor's, Smith and Hook — are planted on a narrow bench at elevations ranging from 200 to 1,200 feet above sea level. Here, plentiful sun and well-drained soils aid concentration and flavor development.



Hahn Estate, Santa Lucia Highlands

THE 2019 GROWING SEASON

About average winter rainfall provided good soil moisture profile for the start of the growing season. Budbreak started the last week of February, mostly in younger blocks, with the rest popping out mid-March. Canopies were at arm's length by the end of April with no signs of cap fall until the middle of May. Veraison started slightly later than normally, towards the end of July, which led to a later start of harvest. The weekend of 9/14, we had a heat spike, but after three days the weather returned to normal. The harvest started fast, but overall had a beautiful even pace with cool nights and moderate daytime temperatures throughout the end of season. The quality of the fruit was outstanding, resulting in wine with beautiful color, concentrated flavors, balanced tannins, round mouthfeel and soft acidity.

WINEMAKING

After the fruit has been carefully picked and sorted, it is fermented in open top stainless steel tanks. It then ages for 14 months in a selection of small, 60-gallon French oak barrels. When the wine is ready to be blended, our winemaker selects only those barrels that exemplify the aromas and flavors of the Santa Lucia Highlands.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Red ruby in the glass, this wine opens with aromas of red cherry, blackberry and hints of earthiness and toasty oak. The palate is rich, with refined tannins, balanced acidity and flavors of red fruit, cherry, raspberry and notes of vanilla and plum on a long complex finish.