

# BIANCHI

## 2018 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Our very first Reserve Pinot Noir was created with meticulous care. The grapes, which were grown in the Northern-most part of Santa Barbara County, were harvested carefully by hand at night, when the plants come to their natural equilibrium. They undergo carbonic maceration (whole cluster fermentation) and are fermented in small bins. Finally, they are aged for 23 months in new French oak François Ferrer barrels, drawing out flavors of cozy spices and subtle vanilla. Only 101 cases were made in this first batch, and they proudly pave the way for more luxurious Pinot's to come.

The grapes used for our 2018 Reserve Pinot Noir are 100% composed of a Dijon Clone called 668. This is one of a series of clones considered "Dijon Clones", which were affectionately named after a French town in Burgundy. Clone 668 was first brought to the United States in the 1980's, and was based off another famous Dijon Pinot Noir Clone, called 777. This particular grape produces an intense, fruit forward wine that is often blended, but shines beautifully on its own. Small clusters and low yields help concentrate the varietal flavors, giving us a pure and true expression of Santa Barbara Pinot Noir.

## VINEYARD

Santa Barbara is famous for producing exceptional Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays, due to its similarly cool climate to Burgundy. Loma Verde Vineyard, where our premium grapes are grown, is located in the Northern-most part of the Los Alamos Valley, at the base of Solomon Hills where the maritime breezes and fog from the coast move over the hills each evening, cooling off the vineyards from the warm, sunny day.

## TASTING & PAIRING

*Appearance: Light body, purple-ruby hue, gradient rim variation*

*Aroma: Flint & violets*

*Flavor: Red fruits, cherries, strawberries, raspberries, cedar & spice*

Our beautiful, delicate 2018 Reserve Pinot Noir is a perfect example of California fruit shining through a Burgundian style wine. It is easy to notice a light body and a flinty, floral nose right off the bat, but upon further investigation, this wine develops into a surprisingly complex bouquet of tangy red fruit flavors like cherries, strawberries and raspberries, complemented by cedar and spice notes from the full new oak exposure.



**Varietal:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Aging:** 100% New French Oak | 23 months  
(François Ferrer)

**Clone:** Clone: 668

**Vineyard:** Loma Verde Vineyard

**Appellation:** Santa Barbara County

**R/S:** 0.04

**Acidity:** 3.8pH | 0.65 TA

**ABV:** 14.6%

**Production:** 101 cases

**Harvest Date:** 09/05/17

**Bottling Date:** 15/20/19



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