## BIANCHI



## 2020 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

## VINEYARD & VINTAGE

Our 2020 Reserve Pinot Noir was made from premium grapes grown in the incredibly famous vineyard, Solomon Hills. Solomon Hills is the Western most vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley, earning it the distinction of the coolest vineyard in the whole appellation. This ideal location, paired with ocean-derived sandy loam soil and a dedicated, skilled grape growing team results in wines that consistently show precise acidity, bright fruit and inherent elegance.

This vineyard was planted in the late 1990s and named after Soloman Pico, the bandit who traveled along the El Camino Real in the 1850s, and was the inspiration for Zorro. The site consists of a series of gently rolling hills of sand very close to the ocean where the grapes benefit from the exceptionally cool and foggy weather. This cooler climate and extremely sandy, nutrient-poor soil make low yields and small, intense fruit which is great for making wines with vibrancy and strong character. A sister vineyard to the equally famous Bien Nacido, these vines are carefully doted on by the same owners—the Miller family. Wines produced from this vineyard are highly regarded and awarded, and commonly receive 90+ point ratings from all of the major reviewers.

## **TASTING & PAIRING**

Appearance: Deep Purple, defined rim variation
Aroma: Powerful spice, ripe & jammy red fruit, wet stone, smoke & leather.
Aromatics of Chinese five-spice, cumin, rose petal, dark cherry & smoke.
Flavor: Dry and medium-bodied. Spice, ripe, fresh & jammy red fruit, wet stone, leather, smoke & vanilla. Lots of dark cherry with rich, silky tannins and a smokey finish.

This gorgeous, deep purple wine shines like a polished jewel in the glass, and invites you closer for exotic Chinese five-spice aromatics, along with cumin, rose petals, dark cherry and smoke. This delightfully dry and medium-bodied wine reminds us of dark cherries and jammy plums, wet stone, new leather and Madagascar vanilla, with rich, silky tannins and a smokey finish.

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Aging: 22 months, 80% New French Oak

Vineyard: Soloman Hills

**Appellation:** Santa Maria Valley

Acidity: 3.78pH ABV: 14%

Production: 371 cases Harvest Date: 10/06/20 Bottling Date: 03/29/22

