



ROAR

2022 PISONI VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

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We source Pinot Noir from this mountain site through our longtime partnership with the Pisoni family. Tucked into the southern mountains of the Santa Lucia Highlands, the Pisoni family has meticulously farmed this high-elevation site since Gary Pisoni first planted vines in 1982. He was one of the very first to pioneer Pinot Noir in our appellation, believing it had great potential for quality. Here the rugged terrain has thin soils of granite and gravelly loam, with bits of schist and quartz. All this, to produce low yields and tiny clusters that translate into depth and intensity in the wines.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Planted on one of the most revered sites in the Santa Lucia Highlands, Pisoni Vineyard's mature vines showcase complexity, depth, and mystique, resulting from the estate's high elevation and unique microclimate. This vintage showcases dark berry and black cherry fruit, woody forest floor and floral notes with a strikingly balanced structure, fine-grained texture, and a long finish.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2022 season began with another unusually dry winter in the Highlands. We received 7.5 inches of rain, below our average of 10-14. Each seasonal marker came early, from bud break to veraison and then harvest, about two weeks ahead of "normal." For us and for growers across the Santa Lucia Highlands, the crop was light and produced less wine, but once again we're thrilled with the quality and structure that will lead to long aging potential. The wines showcase a feminine quality with our signature bright, fruit-forward flavors and beautiful texture.

Winemaker: Scott Shapley
Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands
Farming: Sustainable (SIP Certified)
Harvest: September 7, 2022
Oak: 100% French oak, 57% new
Aging: 10 months in barrel
Alcohol: 14.8%
Acid: 3.62 pH
Production: 388 cases made

2022: 97 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*
2021: 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2020: Not produced due to CA wildfires
2019: Top 100 Wines, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2018: Top 100 Wines, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2017: 97 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*
2016: 97 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*