



ROAR

2022 SOBERANES VINEYARD PINOT NOIR



Winemaker: Scott Shapley
Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands
Farming: Sustainable (SIP Certified)
Harvest: September 2 - 8, 2022
Oak: 100% French oak, 69% new
Aging: 10 months in barrel
Alcohol: 14.8%
Acid: 3.71 pH
Production: 352 cases made

2022: 95 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*
2021: 94 pts, *Antonio Galloni's Vinous*
2020: Not produced due to CA wildfires
2019: 95 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2018: 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2017: 96 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*
2016: 97 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*

SOBERANES VINEYARD

Just south of Garys' Vineyard, where windswept oak trees dot a rolling slope, lies Soberanes Vineyard. The vineyard is named after a local land grant that occurred the late 18th century, where nearly 9,000 acres were acquired for just 100 head of livestock. Another partnership between Gary Francioni and Gary Pisoni, it was planted in 2008 with row orientation set to true north, compared to 10 degrees west of north in Garys' Vineyard. In the mornings you'll see a blanket of fog here, and in the afternoon the steady winds from the bay continue to keep vines cool when the sun is shining.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Soberanes Vineyard has a distinct rocky subterrain, diverging from Garys' heavy loam soils right next door. The wine reveals that mineral character mingled with sweet, herbal aromas. Planted exclusively to Pisoni Clone and Dijon 667, our two favorite clonal selections, the wine expresses dark berry and cherry fruit characters, paired with a supple texture. A touch of leather and the dusty earth aromas of ubiquitous California Chaparral wrap up the 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.