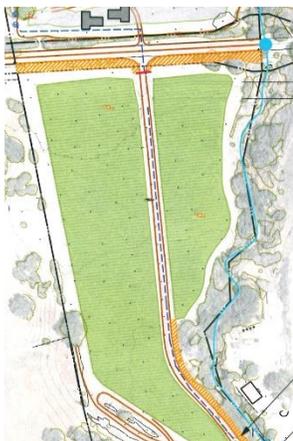




- Bottled: January, 2017
- 143 cases produced
- pH 3.47
- Alcohol 14.1%



El Jabali Vineyard,
lower portion of the
Alma Rosa Estate

2015 Alma Rosa Pinot Noir El Jabalí Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills

WHO WE ARE

Alma Rosa is deeply rooted in the winemaking history of the Santa Rosa hills, inside the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. Growing conditions combine here more sunshine than Southern Europe with the powerful cooling influence of onshore winds and fog from the Pacific Ocean. The unique geography, moderate climate and clay-loam soils attracted Richard Sanford to this area in the early 70's, where he pioneered Pinot Noir in Santa Barbara County decades before the "Sideways" movie craze. In 1983 he established on our home ranch one of the first organic-certified vineyards in the Central Coast.

Growing consistently balanced wines through sustainable farming is part of the enduring legacy of founder Richard Sanford. The dynamic equilibrium of Alma Rosa wines is now crafted by winemaker Nick De Luca, vividly capturing the individual character of each vineyard we work with.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 vintage started with a very cold and rainy May, impacting bloom and limiting fruit set. The remainder of the season was relatively benign, with a few heat spells and warm nights during harvest. Offshore, drying Santa Ana winds sped ripening near the end of harvest. The resulting record low yields of 1.25 tons/acre of tiny clusters showed fantastic concentration and dramatic aromatic depth.

VINEYARD

- 100% El Jabalí vineyard, established in 1983; CCOF certified organic
- 3.1 acres of Pinot Noir, Mt. Eden Clone on low-irrigation, silty clay-loam
- Guyot-pruned to 2-4 canes to adjust to individual vine vigor

WINEMAKING

- Harvested at night on September 2nd, fully destemmed, but not crushed
- 3-days cold soak and 21 days total skin contact; selected yeast
- Elevage: 16 months in 50% new barrels from François Frères

TASTING NOTES

Our estate, old-vine Pinot Noir is tightly knit, and opens up in the glass releasing dense aromas of blackberry, blackcurrant and beguiling forest floor. Inky and firmly structured, with good weight in mouth and fleshy tannins. The remarkable acid backbone maintains the dynamic tension through the finish.