

McINTYRE VINEYARDS

Overview

The McIntyre Estate Vineyard lies in the “sweet spot” of Monterey County’s Santa Lucia Highlands AVA, a 12-mile stretch of east-facing benchland renowned for producing wines with great character and complexity. Originally planted in 1973, the 80-acre site boasts some of the Highlands’ oldest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vines. Since purchasing the property in 1987, the McIntyre family has enhanced the viticultural practices at the site and elevated the quality of the fruit. McIntyre Vineyards was among the first properties in the Santa Lucia Highlands to be SIP (Sustainability In Practice) Certified.

Highlights

- First Vintage: 2005
- Annual Production: 3,500 cases
- Careful matching of rootstock, clones and trellising to terroir
- Hand harvesting
- Partial whole cluster fermentations for Pinot Noir
- Steve McIntyre has planted more than 20% of the SLH AVA.



Estate McIntyre vineyard

Location	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Acreage	80 acres total; 60 acres planted
Varieties	Pinot Noir (47 acres), Chardonnay (13 acres)
Terrain	Rolling, east-facing hillside; the “sweet spot” of the AVA
Climate	Cool, windy, Region 1
Varieties Planted	Pinot Noir, Chardonnay
Pinot Noir Clones	Heritage clone (own-rooted), 115, Swan, 777
Chardonnay Clones	96, 76
First Planted	1973
Average yield	Three tons per acre

Pinot Noir Characteristics

McIntyre’s Pinot Noirs possess deep, dark colors and refined bouquets that evolve with aeration or time in the bottle. Noteworthy aromatics include raspberry, cherry, plum, spice, cardamom, molasses, forest floor and earth. Rich, powerful and expansive, the wines are galvanized by natural acidity and firm, seamless tannins.

Chardonnay Characteristics

McIntyre’s Chardonnays are both well-structured and voluptuous. Noteworthy aromatics include hazelnut, lime, baked golden apples, ripe pears, nectarines, butterscotch and acacia. Low pH and ample acidity ensures exquisite balance and age-worthiness.

Recent Scores

L’Homme Qui Ris **93 Points** *Wine Enthusiast*
2015 Rose of Pinot Noir **88 Points** *Wine Advocate*
2014 Estate Chardonnay **90 Points** *Vinous Media*
2014 Estate Chardonnay Block K1 **91 Points** *Vinous Media*
2014 Estate Chardonnay Block K1, **92 Points** *Tasting Panel*
2014 Estate Chardonnay Block K1 **93 Points** *Wine Enthusiast*
2014 Estate Chardonnay **93 Points** *Wine Enthusiast*
2014 Estate Chardonnay **90 Points** *Wine Advocate*

2014 SLH Chardonnay **91 Points** *Wine Enthusiast*
2014 Block K1 Chardonnay **91 Points** *Wine Advocate*
2014 SLH Pinot Noir **92 Points** *Wine Enthusiast*
2014 Estate Pinot Noir **92 Points** *Wine Enthusiast*
2014 Estate Pinot Noir **91 Points** *Wine Advocate*
2014 Estate Pinot Noir **91 Points** *Vinous Media*
2014 Old Vine Pinot Noir **91 Points** *Wine Advocate*
2014 Estate Pinot Noir Block 3 **93 Points** *Wine Enthusiast*