



2019 Estate Pinot Noir

McIntyre Estate Vineyard
Santa Lucia Highlands

Overview

Steve McIntyre is one of the most knowledgeable viticulturists in California. As owner/operator of Monterey Pacific, he farms 12,000 acres in Monterey County and has planted or farmed nearly one quarter of the vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA. The McIntyre Estate Vineyard lies in the “sweet spot” of this rolling, benchland region. It produces incredibly intense and complex Pinot Noirs and well-structured, concentrated Chardonnays. It was among the first properties in the Santa Lucia Highlands to be SIP (Sustainability In Practice) Certified.

Vineyard

While it is never easy to account for Mother Nature’s unpredictability, our 2019 Estate Pinot Noir owes much of its success to superior terroir and diligent, sustainable farming practices. A portion of the fruit came from the “Old Vine” block at our estate vineyard. At 47 years old, it is the oldest planting of Pinot Noir in the Santa Lucia Highlands. It is own rooted – a rarity in Californian - and grown on a Lyre trellis system. The remainder is a mix of Swan, Calara (clone 91) and clone 928 trellised on a VSP. The crop was thinned to a maximum of 3 tons per acre or 1.5 lbs. of fruit per foot of cordon. Row orientation is primarily north/south, which provides even sun exposure throughout the day.



Winemaking

At McIntyre our winemaking techniques are minimalistic. Our philosophy of “thoughtful but limited intervention” guarantees that the character and complexity of our fruit is highlighted in all of our wines. The grapes for this Pinot were harvested and hand-sorted in the early morning hours. Primary and malolactic fermentations were managed naturally using the wild, indigenous yeast strains that thrive in our vineyards.

Steve’s Tasting Notes

Our 2019 McIntyre Estate Pinot Noir has more presence and density than its predecessors. It features a wealth of blackberry, cherry and plum followed by fine-grained, mouthwatering tannins and a lingering finish. This Pinot Noir is deft, balanced and precise!

Vital Statistics

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard	McIntyre Estate Vineyard
AVA	Santa Lucia Highlands
Total Acidity	0.58 grams/100ml
PH	3.70
Alcohol	14.4%
Cases Produced	412
SRP	\$50

