

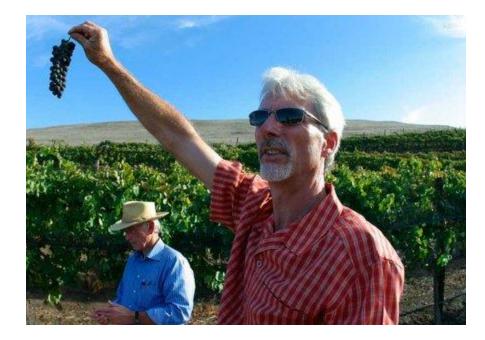
### McIntyre Vineyards

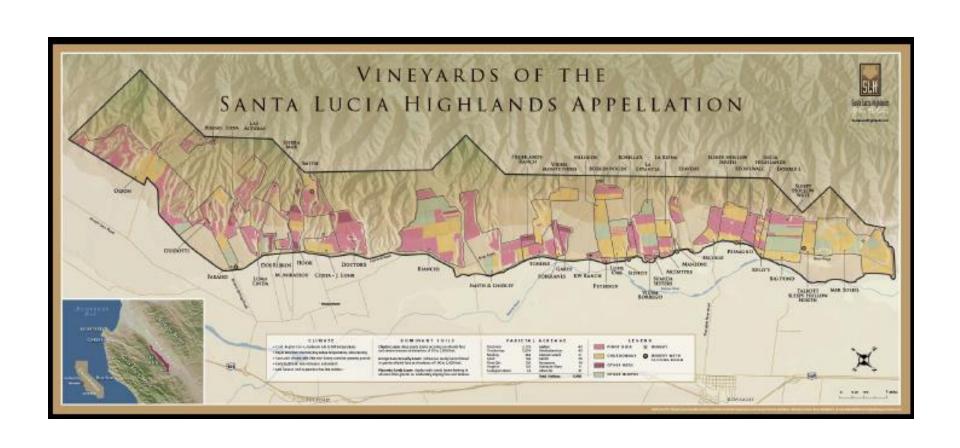
### Wines

Chardonnay, Santa Lucia Highlands Chardonnay, Estate, Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir, Estate, Santa Lucia Highlands Merlot, Kimberly, Arroyo Seco













## McIntyre - One of California's Great Producers of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay

Since releasing their first wines in 2005, McIntyre has become one of the most acclaimed producers of Chardonnay and Pinot from the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA. Their wines are intense, balanced, pure, accurate and substantial. They are prized by the trade, consumers and the media for their character, drinkability and deliciousness.

## McIntyre Estate Vineyard – The "Sweet Spot" of the Santa Lucia Highlands

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 viticulturally upgraded the entire site. McIntyre Vineyards was among the first properties in the Santa Lucia Highlands to be SIP (Sustainability In Practice) Certified.

#### Santa Lucia Highlands – A Remarkable Cool-Climate Region

In a relatively short span of time the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA has achieved superstar status. The region boasts 6,000 acres of vines - primarily Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Syrah - planted on terraces below the Santa Lucia mountain range. The cool, Region I climate is shaped by the morning fog and strong winds funneled daily down the Salinas Valley from Monterey Bay to the northwest. The AVA enjoys one of the longest and coolest growing seasons in California.

#### Steve McIntyre – Winegrower, Winemaker, Nice Guy

Having planted and farmed more than 20% of the entire AVA and vinified hundreds of wines from its grapes, Steve McIntyre understands what makes the Santa Lucia Highlands so unique. With degrees in viticulture and enology and a history in SLH that stretches nearly four decades, Steve has a unique perspective on the terroir and wines of this great appellation. Outside of McIntyre Vineyards, Steve was a founding member of Monterey Wine Company and for the past three decades, he and his wife, Kim, have owned and operated Monterey Pacific. Today, they farm 11,000 acres in Santa Lucia Highlands, Arroyo Seco, San Bernabe and Hames Valley.



#### **First Vintage**

2005

#### **Annual Production**

3,500 cases

#### **Highlights**

Careful matching of rootstock, clones and trellising to terroir

Hand harvest

Partial whole cluster fermentations for Pinot Noir

#### **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 Average three tons per acre

#### **Pinot Noir Characteristics**

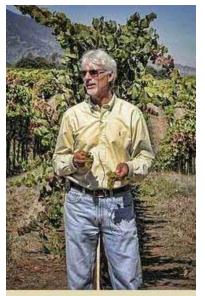
McIntyre's Pinot Noirs possess deep, dark colors and refined bouquets that evolve with aeration or time in the bottle. Noteworthy aromatics include raspberry, cherry, plum, spice, cardamom, molasses, forest floor and earth. Rich, powerful and expansive, the wines are galvanized by natural acidity and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



# MCINTYRE VINEYARDS







L'Homme Qui Ris	93 Points	Wine Enthusiast
2014 SLH Chardonnay	91 Points	Wine Enthusiast
2014 Estate Chardonnay	93 Points	Wine Enthusiast
2014 Estate Chardonnay	90 Points	Wine Advocate
2014 Estate Chardonnay	90 Points	Vinous Media
2014 Estate Chardonnay Block K1	92 Points	Tasting Panel
2014 Estate Chardonnay Block K1	93 Points	Wine Enthusiast
2014 Estate Chardonnay Block K1	91 Points	Wine Advocate
2014 Estate Chardonnay Block K1	91 Points	Vinous Media
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
2013 Estate Merlot	92 Points	Wine Enthusiast





