



NIELSON VINEYARD  
SANTA MARIA VALLEY

ALC. 14.2% BY VOL.

## 2019 Pinot Noir Nielson Vineyard Santa Maria Valley AVA

Nielson Vineyard pays homage to its namesake, Uriel J. Nielson, who in 1964 planted the first commercial vineyard in Santa Barbara County, a region previously considered too cold to grow grapes. Known as a viticulture pioneer, Nielson didn't heed warnings from neighboring farmers and didn't flinch in his stance that Santa Barbara County could be one among the top winegrowing regions in the world.

From Nielson Vineyard, we are sourcing a California heritage Pinot Noir clone called Swan. This clone was named for Joseph Swan, who was a pioneer in the Russian River Valley. Tiny clusters are typical of this unique clone. This wine benefited from 18 months in French oak barrels, 25% new barrels.

### Tasting Notes

This Pinot Noir conjures up an image of Hugh Hefner sporting a velvet smoking jacket. Nuances typical of Santa Maria Valley AVA tantalize the palate with notes of plum and blueberry. The mid-palate is smooth and graceful, complemented by the full expression of a solid finish. Pair with rabbit in a Dijon wine sauce, lean rare steak or sweet and sour short ribs. For dessert, try salted dark chocolate from Ecuador or Faye's chocolate cherry cookies. This wine will make you want to celebrate a holiday or two with your family, whether you like them or not.

### Details

Harvest:	September 15, 2019	Alcohol:	14.2% by volume
Bottled:	June 9, 2021	pH:	3.57
Released:	November 6, 2021	TA:	.64g/100ml
Clone:	Pinot Noir Swan	Brix:	23.6%
Production:	150 cases	Retail Price:	\$60