

## 2017 Pinot Noir Dierberg Vineyard Santa Maria Valley AVA

Planted in 1997, the Dierberg Vineyard is located in the middle of the Santa Maria Valley. It's the oldest of three vineyards owned by the Dierberg family in Santa Barbara County. The vineyard boasts 161 acres of rolling hills with mostly sandy loam soils, about 2/3 of which is planted to Pinot Noir. We have enjoyed working with the Dierberg family, vineyard managers and fruit from this vineyard since 2001.

## **Tasting Notes**

This crimson colored wine is delightfully drinkable at release date. Dusty, dried fruit with hints of cocoa powder and rhubarb pie tantalize the nose. Flavors of red cherries and red currant jam are dominant, which is common for Pinot Noir from Santa Maria Valley. Bright acidity allows the wine to dance on the roof of your mouth. The finish offers ripe red plums and vanilla on the palate. Pair with grilled pork chops, salmon or chicken, smoked gouda, sausage pizza, or even sea salt caramel chocolate. Age 5-7 years from release date.

## **Details**

Harvest: September 5, 2017 Alcohol: 14.3% by volume

Bottled: March 26, 2019 pH: 3.72

Released: April 25, 2020 TA: .70 g/100ml

Production: 176 cases Clone: 777
Price: \$48 Brix: 24.6%