

## 2020 Pinot Noir Allan Hancock College Vineyard Santa Barbara County

Winemaker Norm Yost has a long history with Allan Hancock College, first as an winemaking instructor and later as an advisory committee member on the Viticulture & Enology Program. He was impressed when the urban vineyard was planted over 10 years ago as part of a handson work experience in the Program. The 4-acre Allan Hancock College Vineyard is located on the west side of Highway 101 on College Avenue in the heart of Santa Maria. It's the only commercial urban vineyard that is operating in the city of Santa Maria, located in a unique setting with housing on two sides to the south of the girls' softball field. The vineyard is planted to Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Syrah. The grapes are used by the students to make wine at the campus winery or sold to local wineries. In 2020, Yost was given access to the premium fruit because the program was not making wine that year due to COVID-19. AHC College has been producing award-winning wines from the vineyard and even launched an annual West Coast College & University Wine Festival in 2023.

## **Tasting Notes**

Join us in an adventure which is our first release of Pinot Noir from Allan Hancock College Vineyard. We think it is stellar! Meander down a deciduous Northwestern rainforest trail in the summer to awaken your first sensory appreciation of this earthy wine. The gorgeous medium garnet color and enticing dusty cherry aromatics will lure you into the profound flavors on the palate. Enjoy dark cherry and plum soaked in toasted oak with a hint of cranberry. Pair with Santa Maria try-tip and salsa, Manchego cheese and cayenne brownie.

## **Details**

Harvest: September 1, 2020 Alcohol: 13.8% by volume

Bottled: May 12, 2022 pH: 3.57

Released: February 10, 2024 TA: .63g/100ml Clone: Pinot Noir 667/777 Brix: 22.7%

Production: 108 cases Retail Price: \$48