



ALC. 14.4% BY VOL.

**2020 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. The tiny clusters, typical of this unique clone, are developing nicely. This wine benefited from 18 months in French oak barrels, 20% new barrels.

Tasting Notes

Enjoy raspberry and brown spice on the nose, complemented by the aroma of an old leather saddlebag used by a wandering cowboy in the Arizona territory. The aromatic "smoking gun" is revealed on the palate with smokey, dusty flavors, complemented by dried cherries, beef jerky and cocoa. No need to lay this wine down as it is very approachable upon release. Pair with Santa Maria tri-tip, bison burger, smoked Gouda, rosemary potato frittata or black forest cake.

Details

Harvest:	September 18, 2020	Alcohol:	14.4% by volume
Bottled:	May 12, 2022	pH:	3.57
Released:	April 14, 2024	TA:	.66g/100ml
Clone:	Pinot Noir Swan	Brix:	25.1%
Production:	242 cases	Retail Price:	\$60