



RUSACK

2014 PINOT NOIR, SANTA MARIA VALLEY SOLOMON HILLS VINEYARD



From one of Santa Barbara Counties great growing regions, the Rusack 2013 Solomon Hills Pinot Noir captures some of this region's classic characteristics. The bouquet opens with hints of violet while bold notes of black cherry and raspberry follow through on the palate. The sweet silky tannins make for a round and approachable wine that is also age worthy.

The grapes were de-stemmed upon arrival at the winery in the early hours of the day and placed into one-ton macro bins for fermentation. Carefully tended, the grape "must" was punched down by hand twice each day to extract flavors and tannins from the skins and manage the fermentation temperature. Upon completion of fermentation, the new wine was transferred into French oak barrels, 50% of which were new, for ten months of aging. Bottled without filtration in August of 2015, the wine enjoyed six months of bottle aging before being released. 776 six pack cases were produced.

Optimum Storage Conditions: Constant temperature, 55-58° f, darkness

Aging Potential: To enjoy young fruit aromas, consume within 1-3 years of bottling date. For extended aging under ideal conditions, consume within 3-7 years of bottling date.

Appellation: Santa Maria Valley

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Grower/Ranch: Solomon Hills (100%)

Produced & Bottled By: Rusack Vineyards, Solvang Ca

Bottling Date: August 30th 2015

Cases Produced: 776 six pack cases

Release Date: June 2017

Fermentation: Fermented in 1 ton bins

Aging: 100% French oak, 63% new, Aged for 11 months, Unfiltered

Bottle analysis: Alcohol: 14.10%, pH: 3.50, ta: 0.641 g/100ml