



2012 S&B Pinot Noir

For as long as Roger Roessler has been making Pinot Noir, he has sought out the greatest vineyards in California. But if he was forced to pick just one site—a “Sophie’s Choice” so to speak—he would choose the Sanford & Benedict Vineyard in Sta. Rita Hills.

The first thing you notice about our 2012 S&B Pinot is the beautiful garnet red color. Much less purple in hue than Pinots from Northern California, this wine looks like a polished gemstone in the glass. There’s an earthy element to the nose, but also striking whiffs of clove, spice and fresh plum coming from the glass.

The mouthfeel is a bit softer and slightly more medium bodied than the color might have suggested. Flavors of clove and spice intermingle with a brooding fig undertone and finishing with a lovely gentle pepper.

Built for aging, this wine is in its early stages and a great match for grilled steak or slow-cooked short ribs.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

VINTAGE:
2012

TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):
6.41

VARIETAL:
Pinot Noir

PH:
3.34

APPELLATION:
Sta. Rita Hills

FERMENTATION:
Native yeast, full malolactic

CASE PRODUCTION:
150 cases

BARREL AGING:
10 months

ALCOHOL CONTENT:
13.50%

BARREL COMPOSITION:
40% New French Oak
