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Solomon Hills Vineyard

2021 · PINOT NOIR

SANTA MARIA VALLEY

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WINEMAKER	JOEY TENSELY
YIELD	2 TONS PER ACRE
CASES	480
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.67
TA	6.2 g/L

VINEYARD & TERROIR

THERE IS A STRONG MARITIME INFLUENCE AT SOLOMON HILLS VINEYARD, A PINOT NOIR CRAFTED FROM BLOCK 53 - CLONE 113, BLOCK 2 - CLONE 5, & BLOCK 3 - CLONE 667 & 777. WITH A DIRECT LINE OF SIGHT TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. OFTEN, BY THE TIME THE FOG FINALLY CLEARS, THE WIND HAS STARTED, AND CONSEQUENTLY, CLUSTERS AND BERRIES ARE SMALL, ALSO ATTRIBUTED TO SANDY, EXTREMELY LOW-VIGOR SOILS. AS A RESULT, THE WINES TEND TO BE DARK AND TANNIC. SOLOMON HILLS IS AN EXTREME VINEYARD THAT PRODUCES MORE LINEAR, STRUCTURED WINES.

COMPOSITION

100% PINOT NOIR

AGING

AGED 10 MONTHS IN 30% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

AROMATICS

A SEDUCTIVELY AROMATIC BOUQUET OF SPICED CHERRY CANDIES, STRAWBERRY ROPE CANDY, LICORICE BITES, GENTIAN ROOT AND NOTES OF FRESHLY GROUND BLACK PEPPER WITH DELICATE TOUCHES OF PURPLE FLOWERS

PALATE

A BROODING AND DENSELY PACKED PINOT NOIR WITH FLAVORS OF RASPBERRY PIE FILLING, OVERRIPE BING CHERRY, AND A HINT OF TOASTED CARAMEL WILL CAPTIVATE FROM THE FIRST TASTE. SILKY TANNINS WILL COAT THE PALATE WITH ADDITIONAL FLAVORS OF SUN-RIPENED CRANBERRY AND A LONG FINISH.