



# Solomon Hills Vineyard

2022 • Pinot Noir

Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County



Winemaker: Joey Tensely

Cases: 383

Ph: 3.78

Alcohol: 13.2%

Yield: 1.5 tons per acre

Ta: 6.1 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 11 months in 25% New French Oak Barrels

## *Aromatics*

The dominant note of dark cherry is welcoming and enticing, bringing a warm and deep feeling to the wine due to its ripe, juicy nature. Alongside this, there's a touch of wet earth and a delicate hint of mushroom. A faint whisper of pine needles adds a gently, herbal freshness that enhances the overall aroma, resulting in a sophisticated and inviting sensory experience.

## *Palate*

Silky tannins will coat the palate, providing a smooth and velvety texture. With each sip, you'll encounter the delicate essence of rose petals, imparting a subtle floral note. The predominant flavor of cherries is complemented by the hints of ripe strawberries, creating a harmonious blend of red fruit flavors that dance on your taste buds.

## *Accolades*

Wine Enthusiast – **91 points**  
Vinous – **92 points**  
Jeb Dunnuck – **92 points**

James Suckling – **93 points**  
International Wine Report – **93 points**  
Somm Journal – **95 points**