

# Solomon Hills Estate

## Pinot Noir



### THE FACTS

**COUNTRY:** USA - CA

**REGION:** Santa Barbara County

**APPELLATION:** Santa Maria Valley

**CEPAGE:** 100% Pinot Noir

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested at night and fermented with native yeast. Malolactic in barrel. Clones Pommard, 667, 777, and 115. Aged 16 months in French oak (40% new), bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.5%

**AGING:** Aged 16 months in French oak; 40% new

### THE STORY

Planted by the Miller Family in the late 1990s, Solomon Hills Vineyard lies just 10 miles from the Pacific Ocean, making it the coolest site in the Santa Maria Valley. The strong coastal influence extends the growing season, allowing grapes to develop vibrant, complex flavors while maintaining bright acidity. Winemaker Anthony Avila crafts the Solomon Hills wines using the same barrels and aging regimen as our Bien Nacido Estate wines—highlighting the distinct personality that comes purely from the vineyard's unique terroir.

### THE ADJECTIVES

**OVERALL:** Aromatic & Powerful

**AROMAS / FLAVORS:** Tarragon, Sage, Potpourri, Blueberries, Cherries, Warm Spice

**MOUTHFEEL:** Silky & Viscous

### THE SELLING POINTS

Savory, Age-Worthy Pinot Noir from Coastal Vines

**AWARDS:** 95pts Jeb Dunnuck, 95pts International Wine Report, 94pts Vinous, 94pts James Suckling, 93pts Wine Advocate, 93pts Wine Spectator

**PAIRINGS:** Duck Breast, Mushroom Risotto, Grilled Quail, Roasted Root Vegetables

