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Solomon Hills Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021 Santa Maria Valley

VINTAGE NOTES

Santa Maria Valley experienced a prolonged growing season due to cooler weather. The combination of variable weather and strong winds in the spring delayed development and influenced bloom and set, creating differing yields in the vineyards. The lower yields and cooler growing season produced grapes with pronounced acidity and excellent concentration that were harvested on September 9th.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Solomon Hills takes its name from Salomon Pico, a celebrated bandit who frequented the El Camino Real in the 1850's. Only ten miles from the Pacific Ocean and just south of the town of Santa Maria, this vineyard was developed by the Miller family in the late 1990's. It is planted to a variety of clones that flourish in the well-drained, sandy soils and cool, foggy growing conditions.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and a three day cold soak, fermentation took place in open top stainless steel tanks at a range of warm and cool temperatures. Aged for 11 months in 100% French oak with 35% new barrels.

- Sight** Medium light, ruby red
- Nose** Aromas of dark cherry and pomegranate are accented by notes of cherry blossoms, white mushroom, forest floor, and dark earth.
- Palate** Medium bodied with flavors of strawberry, blueberry and cherry, mixed with tangerine, cinnamon, and cola that culminate in a long, flavorful finish.