



### **2013 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir**

Our Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir is a blend of Pinots exclusively from some of SLH's best vineyards. It amply demonstrates all the characteristics that have made this wine region world famous for its Pinot Noirs.

The Santa Lucia Highlands have long been a focus for us at Bernardus as we recognized early on the phenomenal potential of these great vineyards. We have been producing small vineyard-designate bottlings from several of our favorites for many years. Recently, we have increased our vineyard selections and felt the time was right to bottle our Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir.

At Bernardus, all our grapes are hand-picked, sorted and fermented in small, individual batches. They are then aged in the finest French oak barrels until final blending, just before bottling.

In the glass we find gorgeous aromas of cherry and cranberry, along with subtle spicy oak notes. The palate is beautifully focused, exhibiting flavors of ripe red fruits. The finish is soft and gently lingers on the palate.

**Varietal:** *100% Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir*

**Cooperage:**

*Aged for 10 months: 40% new; Sirugue, Cadus, Damy, Villon and Karadar.*

**Case Production:**

*4,773 cases (750 mls.)*

**Retail Price:**

*\$35*