2016 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir

Our Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir is a blend of Pinots from several specially selected 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 this great region. We have been producing small vineyard-designate bottlings from several of our favorite vineyards 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 Pinot Noir grapes are hand-picked, sorted and fermented in small, individual batches. They are then aged in the finest oak barrels until final blending, just before bottling.

The robe of our 2016 is a lovely garnet red. The gorgeous aromas express ripe cherry and red berries with accents of toasty oak. On the palate, the flavors reflect the aromas: red fruits and spice with a fresh, crisp finish. Our 2016 SLH Pinot Noir is deliciously drinkable!

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Cooperage: Aged for 10 months; 33% new; Sirugue, Billon, Kadar.

Bottled: August, 2017

Production:

4796 cs. (750 mls.) 1,520cs. (375 mls.) 400 cs. (magnums)

Vineyards:

Tondre Highlands K W Ingrid's