

2021 Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir Sanford & Benedict Vineyard

Time and Place

The 2021 season was among the coolest in recent memory — more a prolonged spring flowing into fall than a true summer. Late budbreak and a gentle, steady pace of ripening led to naturally small yields, with berries of striking concentration. The result is a vintage defined by freshness and structure, where vibrant acidity and fine tannins frame wines of poise and longevity.

Taste and Feel

Sanford & Benedict, planted in 1971, is the historic vineyard that laid the foundation for what is now the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. This Pinot Noir from clone 943 carries red berry fruit, rose petal, and subtle spice, underpinned by earth and mineral drive. Structured yet graceful, it reflects the cool-climate pedigree of this site — a bottling that speaks to both the history and the enduring promise of Santa Barbara Pinot Noir.



The Details

COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
FERMENTATION	100% stainless steel, native yeast
ÉLEVAGE	11 months 20% new French oak, 80% neutral French oak, finished in stainless steel for 6 months.
ALCOHOL	13.7%
PH	3.32
TA	6.5 g/L
WINEMAKER	Dieter Cronje
CONSULTANT	Jeremy Seysses of Domaine Dujac

Land and Farming

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD	Sanford & Benedict
CLONE	943
SOILS	Santa Lucia Shaly Clay Loam, Gazos Clay Loam, Botella Clay Loam
TRELLISING	VSP

Our Story

Presqu'ile is a family-owned estate in the Santa Maria Valley dedicated to crafting cool-climate wines that reflect the beauty of California's Central Coast. Alongside more than 100 acres of sustainably farmed estate vineyards, we partner with like-minded growers across Santa Barbara County to highlight the region's best sites. In the cellar, a minimalist approach guides the winemaking, yielding wines of purity, texture, and balance — wines made to be shared.