

2023 Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir

Time and Place

The 2023 season is regarded as one of the finest in recent memory for Santa Barbara County. A cold, wet winter gave way to a long and measured growing season, with harvest stretching nearly a month later than usual. This extended hang time allowed the fruit to develop slowly, concentrating flavor while retaining remarkable freshness. The resulting wines are marked by balance, depth, and vibrant acidity — a vintage that combines precision with energy.

Taste and Feel

Our Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir reflects Presqu'ile's quest to craft the ultimate expression of Pinot Noir from this region, sourcing from benchmark vineyard sites across the valley. Lifted notes of Bing cherry and rose hip meet hints of orange rind and sandalwood on a supple, earth-driven palate. Bright yet grounded, it captures the character of Santa Barbara Pinot — a wine that feels equally at home on a lively table or in moments that invite a second glass.



The Details

COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir, 10% estate
FERMENTATION	100% stainless steel
ÉLEVAGE	70% neutral French oak, 30% stainless steel for 8 months
ALCOHOL	13.9%
PH	3.72
TA	5.8 g/L
WINEMAKER	Dieter Cronje
CONSULTANT	Jeremy Seysses of Domaine Dujac

Land and Farming

APPELLATION	Santa Barbara County
VINEYARDS	Rancho Los Alamos, North Canyon, Presqu'ile, Kick On
ROOTSTOCK	101-14, 1103P
CLONES	667, 115
SOILS	Various shaly clay loams, Elder Sandy Loam, Garey Sandy Loam, Marina Sand

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.