

Dragonette

SANFORD & BENEDICT VINEYARD A.V.A. Santa Rita Hills

Historic Sanford & Benedict is the original Pinot Noir vineyard (est. 1971) in the Santa Ynez Valley (Sta. Rita Hills was not established until 2001), and it has been the inspiration for winemakers for ever since. Originally planted to a selection of apparently secret "heritage" clones (subsequently expanded and replanted over the years), this magical site simply buzzes with cosmic energy. We purchase fruit here from two distinct blocks of older vines (1999) and oldest vines (1972), buying by the acre so we may employ specialized organic farming practices. These stately vines stand tall on their enormous trunks, while still producing a solid crop of beautifully concentrated grapes. The resulting wines display sappy red and black cherry fruits with old-vine style and grace.



COUNTRY

USA

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

SOIL TYPE

Sandy and clay loam, with some chert

VINEYARD

CLONES "Heritage" selection old vines: 1999 & 1972

HARVEST

Manual harvest Individual lot

VINIFICATION

1.4 Ton open top fermenters 96% Destemmed, 4% Whole Cluster 2-3 day cold soak Native yeasts 16 months aging on the lees 100% French Oak (20% new) 350 cases

TASTING NOTES

Dark red fruits, with dried and fresh meat notes and great minerals. Rich flavors of blueberries and blackberries seasoned with spices, herbs and white pepper.

CERTIFICATION

