



VARIETAL

100% Estate-Grown Pinot Noir, Paraiso Vineyards

VINTAGE

2012 - 129 Cases

APPELLATION

Santa Lucia Highlands

TASTING NOTES

Chateau Bellamonte Pinot Noir is crafted entirely from estate-grown grapes. It has aromas of bright cherry, strawberry cream, ripe blackberry and clover, which transition into complex earthy, sandalwood and spice notes. French oak character balances all these components extremely well. On the palate, this wine shows a rich texture, yet soft and smooth tannins allow ripe fruit and a flinty mid-palate to express itself through the finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2012 growing season was nearly perfect from start to finish. No rain and consistent temperatures allowed for a great fruit set, and our typical long growing season led to exceptional quality grapes with excellent natural acidity and richness.

VINEYARD

This wine was crafted with a blend of two Pinot Noir grape clones, Dijon 667 (elegance and finesse) and Pommard (spice and power) each from select exclusive blocks on the Paraiso Vineyard Estate. The well-drained vineyard features sparse soils comprised of shale loam. These soils create rich, concentrated flavors in the grapes. The vineyard lives much of the morning time in the cool fog and wind from the Pacific Ocean. Known for its long, cool growing season, the appellation is the ideal location for grapes to develop their character, intensity and depth of flavor.

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.4%

pH: 3.68

Acidity: 0.58 g/L

Aging: 11 Months, 100% French Oak (40% New)

Cooper: Saury