



MORGAN

CRAFTING HIGHLANDS' HISTORY



2018 ROSELLA'S VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

<i>appellation:</i>	SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS
<i>vineyard:</i>	ROSELLA'S
<i>rootstock:</i>	101-14
<i>clones:</i>	PISONI
<i>soils:</i>	ARROYO SECO SANDY LOAM (GRANITIC)
<i>climate:</i>	VERY COOL, REGION I (UCD)
<i>alcohol:</i>	14.3%
<i>acidity:</i>	6.5 G/L
<i>pb:</i>	3.38
<i>cooperage:</i>	10 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK; 37% NEW
<i>production:</i>	114 CASES
<i>retail price:</i>	\$65.00

THE GRAPE

Pinot Noir demands the most from winegrower and winemaker. Here, a great vineyard and classic winemaking are perfectly matched.

THE PLACE

Rosella's Vineyard is among the most famed estates in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Planted by Gary Francioni and his wife Rosella, their conscientious winegrowing and "Premier Cru" location yield top-flight Pinot Noir.

For years we have valued the consistent quality of Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir. Located three miles south of our own Double L estate, Rosella's is one of the top Pinot Noir vineyards in California. Planted in '96 to several Dijon clones as well as the famed "Pisoni" clone, Rosella's benefits from the eastern exposure of its Santa Lucia Highlands benchland location. Fog and cooling breezes from the Monterey Bay, combined with well-drained alluvial soils make-up Rosella's famed terroir.

January and February were warm, resulting in premature budbreak in select parcels, increasing worries of frost as nighttime temperatures dipped below freezing on February 23rd and 24th. Luckily, no harm was done, and the following months saw temperatures at, and often below, seasonal averages. 2018 was a classically cool growing season in Monterey - an epic year for Morgan's cool climate varieties.

THE WINE

The grapes were completely destemmed after hand sorting, and fermented with native yeast in open top tanks. Manual punch downs provided supple texture and soft tannins. The wine was transferred to a combination of medium and medium-plus toast Burgundy barrels, 37% new, for malo-lactic fermentation and 10 months of aging.

Deep and concentrated with a medium garnet color, this limited production Pinot Noir showcases characters of black cherry, raspberry pastille, and cinnamon. Bright fruit and snappy acidity suggest this wine will age very well. The '18 Rosella's Pinot Noir will prove a perfect match for rib roast, lamb chops, or just about anything off the grill.