

## Pinot Noir 20

## Santa Cruz Mountains 15

92 Pts ~ Wine Enthusiast, Nov. 2018

The Taste

Red Cherry, Cardamom, Sage

The Science



Alcohol 14.10%

pН 3.5

Acidity

0.63g/100ml

Varietal Content 100% Pinot Noir

Vinevards Pearson, Saveria,

and Jewel Vineyards

Stats

490 cases produced Harvested Sept. 3-Oct 2, 2015 Released May 3, 2017 Age 5-7 years

The Magic



- 30% whole clusters fermented in open-top stainless steel tanks
- Punched down and pumped over 2-3 times per day
- Aged for 11 months in French Oak barrels (35% new)

The Alchemists

George Troquato, Winemaker & Alejandro Aldama, Cellar Master

The Grape



By combining grapes from different vineyards within the Santa Cruz Mountains, we capture characteristics specific to the region that includes complex aromatics, concentrated flavors and spice. The result is an extraordinarily elegant finished wine.

The Land



The warmer climate vineyards of Pearson, located in Woodside, and Jewel, off Summit Road, produce small clusters of dark fruit that provide the muscular component for this wine. Saveria Vineyard lies in a cooler location near Corralitos, which produces fruit that leads to graceful yet powerful wine.

The Season

2015 marked the 4th year of drought in California. Cool weather during bloom in May and June led to a remarkably early harvest, resulting in lower yields, but fruit with concentrated flavors and