

Long Valley

RANCH



PINOT NOIR

MONTEREY COUNTY ★ CALIFORNIA

Located in the Central Coast region of California, the Salinas Valley is also known as the Long Valley, a name coined by writer John Steinbeck due to its 100-mile length. Cradled between the Gabilan and Santa Lucia mountain ranges, this bountiful stretch was carved out by the Salinas River millions of years ago and holds some of the world's richest farm and vineyard land. We're proud to be farmers of our estate vineyards since 1972 in the Long Valley, a place that is truly a gift from Mother Nature.

VINEYARDS

Pinot Noir is notoriously difficult, but the Monterey County growing region offers an ideal climate to grow this temperamental grape. The cool ocean air that comes sweeping down the valley each day lengthens the growing season and allows the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. This extra time on the vine yields a varietally correct wine of consistent depth and complexity.

WINEMAKING

Our Pinot Noir grapes are harvested during the night and very early morning to keep the fruit cool in order to preserve delicate nuances of aromas and flavors. It is also important to harvest Pinot Noir at optimum ripeness and transport promptly to the winery. Upon arrival, the grapes are destemmed, crushed, fermented dry, then racked clean and carefully aged with both new and neutral French oak for 12 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Bright aromas of currant and raspberry lead to flavors of cranberry, pomegranate and cherry. Delicate notes of fresh herbs and mocha are complemented by light vanilla from the French oak. This wine is medium-bodied, well-balanced and integrated with a soft, round mouthfeel and a lingering, red fruit finish.

