

BYRON

MONUMENT VINEYARD

2015 *PINOT NOIR*

WINERY DESCRIPTION

For most of Byron's 30 year history, it has been known for single vineyard expressions of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Today our focus remains on site specific wines from Santa Barbara County's distinctive vineyard locations, in both Santa Maria Valley and Sta. Rita Hills.

To really understand Byron, one must spend some time exploring the Nielson Vineyard that surrounds the winery. More than just Byron's Estate Vineyard, it has historical significance as Santa Barbara's first commercial vineyard planted in 1964. Cold winds and thin soils ensure that Byron wines possess great intensity, heightened aromatics and firm structure.

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Monument is our flagship Pinot Noir, blended from the finest barrels from the best blocks on our estate vineyard. Cold winds and sandy soils over adobe hard pan limit root growth in these blocks and lend this wine a great intensity, heightened aromatics and firm structure. The light crop in 2015 produced small berries and small clusters leading to a concentrated expression of Pinot Noir. Barrel fermentation adds distinctive smoky notes and hints of toasted brown spice while providing the wine with the backbone and depth to age gracefully.

THE WINE

APPELLATION	SANTA MARIA VALLEY
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	100% FRENCH OAK, 90% NEW
CASES PRODUCED (9L)	275
ALCOHOL	13.6%

THE VINEYARD

CLIMATE	COOL, MARINE INFLUENCE
SOIL TYPE	ALLUVIAL OUTCROPPINGS, SANDY LOAM, BENCHLAND SOILS
DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN	18 MILES
ELEVATION	500 TO 800 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
YEAR PLANTED	FIRST COMMERCIAL VINEYARD PLANTED IN 1964, REPLANTED IN 2000
CLONES	SWAN, 667, POMMARD, 2A
ASPECT	SOUTH FACING SLOPE
SUSTAINABLE	CCSW CERTIFIED, SIP CERTIFIED

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