

BYRON[®]

FIDDLESTIX VINEYARD

2017 PINOT NOIR

WINERY DESCRIPTION

A good share of Byron winemaking takes place in the vineyard, where winemaker Jonathan Nagy selects individual rows and blocks for their potential to express both variety and site—focusing particularly on clones that best exemplify Byron’s balanced, textural and site-expressive style.

Byron’s site-specific Pinot Noirs are deeply rooted in the vineyards of Santa Barbara County’s two defining appellations: Santa Maria Valley and Sta. Rita Hills. The wines explore each vineyard’s block and row distinctions defined by soil, microclimate, fog cover, wind, exposure, elevation, clonal selection and farming techniques.

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Fiddlestix Vineyard is located at the 7th mile of Santa Rosa Road in the South-Western portion of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. This vineyard has a long growing season due to the coastal influence brought by the Pacific Ocean and is nestled in between the Santa Rita Hills, and the Santa Rosa Hills. In addition to its ideal location, the soils are unique and expressive which lead to a well-balanced and very site-specific wine. The 2016 Fiddlestix Vineyard Pinot Noir shows violet and blueberry characteristics, along with earth, hints of black tea and a long smoky finish.

THE WINE

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| APPELLATION | STA. RITA HILLS |
| VARIETAL COMPOSITION | 100% PINOT NOIR |
| BARREL REGIME | 5 MONTHS IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK AND 31% NEW. |
| BARRELS PRODUCED (9L) | 16 |
| ALCOHOL | 13.6% |
| TA | 5.4 G/L |
| PH | 3.66 |

THE VINEYARD

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| CLIMATE | COOL, MARINE INFLUENCE |
| SOIL TYPE | WELL-DRAINED GAZOS AND BOTELLA CLAY LOAM, LOADED WITH CHERT AND MONTEREY SHALE |
| DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN | 7 MILES |
| ELEVATION | 200 FEET |
| YEAR PLANTED | 1996 |
| CLONES | 777 AND 667 |
| ASPECT | NORTHWEST FACING |
| SUSTAINABLE | SIP CERTIFIED |

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