

## 2011 Soberanes Vineyard Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

What this vineyard captures, more so than any other Pinot Noir site that I have tasted, is both power and elegance. Bright and forceful Bing cherries and dark berries along with the slightest hue of roasted coffee bean on the nose. Immediate and broad textured tannins cover the palate as flavors of black raspberries, licorice and black tea leaves unravel. Oak-inspired overtones of crispy charred marshmellows and fall spice with balance acids elongate a finish that reverbs for hours.

## VINEYARD & HARVEST INFORMATION

Vineyards

The Soberanes Vineyard is the latest exciting joint venture between the Pisoni and Franscioni Families. The site features tightly spaced vines and is planted to 33 acres of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah and sits on the Santa Lucia Highlands Bench adjacent to the Garys' Vineyard. The clonal material planted in the loamy, rocky soil is very diverse and features over a dozen of the most renowned heritage selections from California and Burgundy in pursuit of the finest wine quality.

Vineyard Manager Mark Pisoni

Exposure/Row Direction North - South

Soil Granite-laden Sandy Loam

Clone Pisoni Clone

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

Blend 100% Pinot Noir

Fermentation 5-day cold soak, tank-fermented on the skins

for 22 days.

Alcohol by Volume 14.8%

pH = 3.74

Cooperage 50% new French oak barrels

Barrel Aging 10 months

Release Date: January, 2014

Production 280 cases

