



# FOREFRONT

PINOT NOIR



## ABOUT FOREFRONT

**Forefront: (n.) the leading edge; a bold, adventurous position**

While honoring the winemaking legacy that has earned Pine Ridge its reputation, our open sourcing approach brings together the best fruit, regardless of appellation, to craft wines of exceptional quality and distinctive style.

## VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

## APPELLATION

63% San Luis Obispo, 34% Santa Barbara & 3% Sonoma County

## ALCOHOL

14.5%

## RELEASE DATE

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## SRP

\$24

## THE WINE

Sourced from diverse vineyards located on the Central Coast of California, the defining characteristic is coastal influence. The San Luis Obispo County grapes provide a base of dense, black fruit and spice notes, due to rich soils and a long growing season. Santa Barbara County, with its marine soils and warmer climate, adds bright, lifted red cranberry and strawberry. The small amount of Sonoma County adds an interesting counterpoint of varietal earthy undertones.

VARIETAL	APPELLATION	VINTAGE NOTES
100% Pinot Noir	San Luis Obispo (Edna Valley)	Cool coastal breezes and a thick marine layer allowed for a long hang time that resulted in intense color and flavors.
	Santa Barbara	Warmer temperatures and dry, calcareous soils had this region ripe and ready by early fall.
	Sonoma County	Higher elevation and stony alluvial soils accelerated ripening during fall's heat wave.

## THE WINEMAKING

Picked by hand in the cool of the coastal night, these grapes were hand-sorted at the winery before being destemmed into stainless open-top fermenters. After a short cold soak, the juice was inoculated with cultured yeasts and fermented for 8 to 14 days. The caps were punched down twice a day by hand to gently extract color and flavor. The wine was pressed to oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging.

## THE FLAVOR PROFILE

Displaying the exuberance of the Central Coast, this bright, young Pinot Noir leaps out of the glass with a nose dominated by black cherry, blackberry and plum with complex underlying notes of cedar and warm baking spice. With intricate layers of complexity, this wine exhibits with a rich palate laden with flavors of berry compote, rose petals, spice and lingering acidity.