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## *Solomon Hills Vineyard*

2020 · PINOT NOIR

SANTA MARIA VALLEY

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WINEMAKER	JOEY TENSELY
YIELD	2 TONS PER ACRE
CASES	337
ALCOHOL	15.0%
PH	3.90
TA	6.1 g/L

### VINEYARD & TERROIR

THERE IS A STRONG MARITIME INFLUENCE AT SOLOMON HILLS VINEYARD, WITH A DIRECT LINE OF SIGHT TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. OFTEN, BY THE TIME THE FOG FINALLY CLEARS, THE WIND HAS STARTED, AND CONSEQUENTLY, CLUSTERS AND BERRIES ARE SMALL, ALSO ATTRIBUTED TO SANDY, EXTREMELY LOW-VIGOR SOILS. AS A RESULT, THE WINES TEND TO BE DARK AND TANNIC. SOLOMON HILLS IS AN EXTREME VINEYARD THAT PRODUCES MORE LINEAR, STRUCTURED WINES.

### COMPOSITION

100% PINOT NOIR

CLONES: POMMARD, 667 & 777

### AGING

AGED 11 MONTHS IN 35% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

### AROMATICS

A SEDUCTIVELY AROMATIC BOUQUET OF BLACK CHERRY WITH HINTS OF BLUEBERRY, CARAMELIZED BROWN SUGAR AND NOTES OF FRESHLY GROUND BLACK PEPPER WITH DELICATE TOUCHES OF PURPLE FLOWERS

### PALATE

A BROODING AND DENSELY PACKED PINOT NOIR WITH FLAVORS OF DARK CHERRY, RASPBERRY LIQUEUR, AND A HINT OF STRAWBERRY WILL CAPTIVATE FROM THE FIRST TASTE. SILKY TANNINS WILL COAT THE PALATE WITH ADDITIONAL FLAVORS OF SUN-RIPENED CRANBERRY AND A LONG FINISH.