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ALC: 13.0% BY VOL.



Background

Winery: Liquid Farm

Country: US

Region: California – Santa Barbara

Description: In less than a decade, Liquid Farm has gone from the founder's longtime dream to one of the most acclaimed of California's Third Wave of wine producers. Winemaker James Sparks crafts chardonnay and pinot noir bottlings that merge an old-world sensibility of high-acid, low-alcohol, minimal-intervention wines with the unique vinous bounty of Santa Barbara's Santa Rita Hills AVA.

Wine Notes – 2019 Liquid Farm Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir

Founder Jeff Nelson and winemaker James Sparks have positioned Liquid Farm as one of California's top producers of Burgundian varietals by crafting old-world style, unmanipulated, mineral-driven wines that faithfully reflect the terroir of the beautiful cool-climate Central Coast. In 2014, Liquid Farm began crafting a Pinot Noir to go along with their award-winning Chardonnays. The 2019 SBC Pinot Noir is sourced entirely from Sta Rita Hills vineyards, from some of the area's top growers, including famed Sanford and Benedict and La Rinconada vineyards. This classically-styled, berry-driven Central Coast gem balances characteristic California ripeness and fruit with hints of earth and minerality that evoke Burgundy.

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Technical Specifications

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| Varietal Composition: | 100% Pinot Noir |
| Vineyard Region: | Santa Rita Hills – Radian, Sandford & Benedict, La Rinconada, Spear Vineyards |
| Vine Age: | 20-40 years on average |
| Vineyard Characteristics: | Calcium-rich loam and clay, shale, east and north facing |
| Wine-Making / Vinification: | Hand-harvested 85% destemmed / 15% whole-cluster, 3-week fermentation using native yeast in stainless steel open-top fermenters, gentle punchdowns and a gentle press into barrels Aged 11 months in 60-gallon neutral oak barrels, with 10% new French oak, light filtration, followed by 8 months of bottle aging. |
| Alcohol / Volume: | 13.0% |
| Residual Sugar: | 0 g/L |
| Acidity: | 5.0 g/L |

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Moving to the reds, the 2019 Pinot Noir SBC (mostly destemmed and brought up in 10% new French oak) reveals a ruby hue as well as a terrific perfume of ripe red fruits (strawberries, raspberries) intermixed with classic leafy herbs, forest floor, and spice-laced aromas and flavors. Pure, clean, and classic on the palate, it's medium-bodied, has beautiful fruit, silky tannins, and is just an incredibly charming, satisfying Pinot Noir to enjoy over the coming 4-5 years. 8/26/21

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The 2019 Pinot Noir (Santa Barbara County) is a very pretty, nuanced wine from Liquid Farm. Silky, aromatic and wonderfully expressive, the 2019 has a lot to recommend it. Crushed rose petal, lavender and bright red berry fruit linger effortlessly. 10/21

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