

SLANDER

2023 CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIR

Of the major grape varietals, Pinot Noir is overwhelmingly most sensitive to *terroir*—the term ascribed to the confluence of geology, geography and climate. Lucky for California, there are several areas across the state ideal for growing world class Pinot Noir, specifically, Sonoma, Monterey and Santa Barbara counties. Sourced primarily from those regions, the *2023 Slander* features a few prominent vineyards including Del Rio, La Encantada and Laguna Ranch.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Pouring into the glass with a glowing crimson core, the 2023 Slander opens with classic California Pinot Noir aromatics of black cherry, strawberry compote, wild raspberry and a dusting of white pepper and puff pastry. Ripe red fruits on the entry lead to a mid-palate of berry galette, a touch of blueberry and redcurrant. Focused and bright throughout the palate, the wine finishes with a gentle drying tannin structure and a pleasing close.

BLEND

Pinot Noir

MATURATION

Aged for nine months in French Oak, 30% New

ALC/VOL

15.2%