

2005 Solomon Hills Vineyard Pinot Noir



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<i>Appellation:</i>	Santa Maria Valley – Santa Barbara County
<i>Vineyard Site:</i>	97 acres(85ac.- Pinot Noir) Rolling hills with a 12% slope and southern exposure. Elevation: 350 ft. Solomon Hills is on the southern flank of the Santa Maria Valley, 14 miles from the Pacific with a strong coastal breeze influence. Coordinates: 34, 51, 44 N 120, 23, 20 W
<i>Soil:</i>	Virgin Garey Series sandy loam.
<i>Clone/Rootstock:</i>	Dijon 777, 667, 115, Wadenswil 2A and UCD Pommard 5 all on 5C and planted in 1999
<i>Vineyard blocks:</i>	7 acres (Tantara) divided between five blocks each planted to different clone (see above)
<i>Vineyard mgmt.</i>	N/S rows, 8x4 spacing, 1361 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning, spur pruned, Unilateral cordon
<i>Harvest:</i>	September 14 – October 1 , average yields 3.32 TPA
<i>Juice statistics:</i>	25.5 avg. brix, pH 3.35, TA .75
<i>Vinification:</i>	Hand sorted 100% destemmed Open top fermenters 1-3 ton size with two daily punch downs. Yeast : RC-212 Malo: Indigenous Aged 16 months in 30% new French oak- Francois, Remond, Rousseau. Racked once – June 2006 Bottled 1/25/07 unfinned and unfiltered.
<i>Wine profile:</i>	100% Pinot Noir, alcohol 14.6%
<i>Case production:</i>	240 (750ml) 110 (375ml)

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