

PALI WINE CO | 2020 PINOT NOIR 'RIVIERA'

ABOUT OUR 'RIVIERA' PINOT NOIR

In 2009 we created 'Riviera,' one year after the first and successful release of 'Huntington' our Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir. 'Riviera' is crafted from Pinot Noir grapes grown on premium vineyards in the Sonoma Coast AVA of Sonoma County. This wine echoes Huntington's intention—to be an entry-level Pinot Noir, priced accordingly and made with the same standards of excellence and expertise as our more expensive and esoteric vineyard-designated wines. This wine is expertly blended to capture the spirit of the region and express the unique flavors associated with Sonoma County Pinot Noir—showcasing bright red fruit, spice, and earth, with balanced structure. The grapes are immediately destemmed, and are cold soaked for 5 days with intermittent punch-downs and pump-overs. We started the fermentation process with a few punch-downs each day and as the fermentation hit its peak activity and highest temperatures, we punched-down up to 4 times each day with additional pump-overs when necessary. As the fermentation finished, so did the actions we performed until completed. Lastly, we drained and pressed the wine into 20% new French oak barrels and 80% neutral French oak barrels. All lots are fermented as individual clones, then blended together before bottling. The wine is bar-rel-aged in 20% new French oak barrels and 80% neutral French oak barrels for 300 days.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Intense and bursting berry, acai and black cherry meet wet earth and savory mushroom. A background of sour cherry acidity keeps this wine tight.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- **VINEYARD(S)** : Pali (Sonoma) and De La Montoya Vineyards
- **FARMING** : Sustainable
- **ABV** : 14.5%
- **AVA** : Sonoma Coast
- **VARIETALS** : 100% Pinot Noir
- **PRODUCTION** : 2,006 Cases
- **FIRST VINTAGE** : 2009

ABOUT PALI WINE CO.

To craft world class, critically acclaimed, site-specific Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays.

Our original Pali brand produces premium Pinot Noir and Chardonnay sourced primarily from vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills and neighboring wine-growing regions. The region's terroir, including its transverse ranges, limestone rich soils, and cool ocean fog, is ideal for growing Pali's poised Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wine grapes. Pali produces a wide-range of bottlings from entry-level to esoteric vineyard and clonal-specific, from still to sparkling, and from white to pink and red. While most of our grapes come from our Sta. Rita Hills estate 'Pali Vineyard,' Pali partners with a handful of other family-owned and world-renowned vineyards in the area among the likes of Fiddlestix, Rancho La Viña, and Bien Nacido Vineyards. Most recently, Pali has introduced its 'Wild Series,' natural wines made using only wild, naturally occurring yeasts that remain unfinned and unfiltered.

