



## 2019 Soberanes Vineyard Pinot Noir

*Wowza! Beautifully integrated with brambly berries, exotic spices, and hints of soft herbs, the 2019 Soberanes is nuanced and complex. This pinot captivates with fine grain tannins and mouthcoating texture that belie her cellar worthy pedigree. She's a food friendly, age worthy showstopper. But we won't judge if you simply sip and find yourself transported.*

### Vineyard:

The 2019 season represents everything we love about Santa Lucia Highlands- a long, consistent growing season cultivated with coastal fog and windy afternoons. SLH saw ample winter rain (well, ample for Central Coast), providing enough soil moisture for a later budbreak following a cool February & March. Early summer was cool and foggy, with later veraison too. But as the tail of summer warmed into fall, the grapes ripened quickly and consistently, under mild, dry conditions. The 2019 vintage is wonderful.

### Harvest:

We hand harvested the fruit for our 2019 Soberanes Vineyard pinot noir on September 26, 2019. We hand-sorted and destemmed the grapes to 100% whole berry the same day. Our yield measured around 4.2 tons in aggregate. The truck sample yielded the following measurements:

°Brix: 25.4

pH: 3.53

TA: 6.1 g/L

### Fermentation:

I fermented the 2019 SLH pinot in a stainless-steel tank using X-pure yeast, a strain prized for respecting terroir. Fermentation progressed quickly and temperatures peaked at 85 degrees. I drained and pressed on 10/5/19 and inoculated for secondary fermentation in barrel using viniflora CH16.

### Barrel Aging:

The wine was aged for 10 months in French oak, 45% new, including both 228L barrels and 500L puncheons. Cooperages include new and used oak from Taransaud, Remond, Francois Freres and Nadalie.

### Blending:

The Soberanes SLH pinot noir is 100% proprietary Pisoni family clone, budwood sourced from Domaine Romanee Conti (or so the story goes).

### Bottling:

We bottled this wine on July 20, 2020. We aged this wine for 26 months in bottle prior to our fall 2022 release date. I know this frustrates the SLH fans who adore this AVA with the same devotion and fervor as I do.

### About Bruliam Wines:

Bruliam Wines is a boutique producer of single vineyard premium wines. Established in 2008 by Kerith Overstreet, "Bruliam" is an amalgamation of my three children's names. I strive to craft world class wines that reflect vineyard site and impeccable farming, doing our grower partners proud. Our charitable mandate imbues my work, which is to make something delicious you can enjoy tonight. For more information, please visit us at [www.bruliamwines.com](http://www.bruliamwines.com).