

# **2018 Soberanes Vineyard Pinot Noir**

Oh my gosh, you will LOVE this wine! The nose is redolent with incense, exotic spices, and berries. Raspberry-cherry mocha with loads of spicy undertones offers a delicious, rich palate. This wine showcases a rich and supple texture with gentle tannins and a smooth finish. The 2018 Soberanes is good drinking. Bring this wine to dinner and impress your friends.

### Vineyard:

The 2018 vintage marks another terrific year in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Now that the Soberanes Vineyard has glided past her 10 year birthday, she is really flaunting her style and finesse. The 2018 vintage marks a happy return to a later October harvest date, with longer hangtime and excellent phenolic development. I had to reach way back in my notes to remember the last time we harvested Soberanes in October; it was 2012. That's why we love that Monterey Bay fog and the afternoon gusts- ideal conditions for slow ripening.

#### Harvest:

We harvested the fruit for our 2018 Soberanes Vineyard Pinot Noir on October 4, 2018. The grapes were handsorted and de-stemmed to 100% whole berry the same day and dumped to tank. Our allocation weighed in at 4.02 tons. After a 5-day cold soak, the tank yielded the following measurements:

°Brix: 24.7 pH: 3.64 TA: 5.6 g/L

#### Fermentation:

The 2018 Soberanes pinot was fermented in tank, with Xpure yeast, designed to accentuate terroir. This lot was drained and pressed on 10/15. Once dry, barreks were inoculated for secondary fermentation using Oenococcus Oeni Viniflora CH16.

#### **Barrel Aging:**

The wine was aged for 10 months in 50% new French oak from Nadalie, Remond, and Taransaud, using both barriques and puncheons. The remaining balance includes once and twice used French oak.

## **Blending:**

Our Soberanes Vineyard pinot noir allocation is 100% Pisoni Family proprietary clone.

#### Bottling:

We bottled this wine on August 2, 2019. The wine was aged in bottle for 24 months prior to our Fall 2021 release date.

## 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.