

CLUB CRUSH PINOT *November Shipment (#6 - 2018)*

A.P. VIN **2016 PINOT NOIR** **ROSELLA'S VINEYARD** **SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS, MONTEREY**

Founded in 2003, A.P. VIN crafts small-lot Pinot Noirs from some of the finest vineyard sites in California. Founder/Winemaker Andrew Vingiello partners with passionate grower families and is dedicated to crafting delicious wines made in very limited production that showcase the very best in new world California Pinot Noir.



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In 1996, Gary Francioni planted the 50-acre Rosella's Vineyard, named for his wife, on their estate property just 1.5 miles north of Garys' Vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands appellation of Monterey County. We have been sourcing grapes from this vineyard site since 2003 and believe that Rosella's Vineyard, with Gary Francioni's exceptional farming practices, produces a unique wine representing the very best of the Santa Lucia Highlands.

TASTING NOTES: Coming from three clones; 115, 777 and Pisoni, the 2016 Pinot Noir Rosella's Vineyard sports a deeper ruby color as well as a rocking bouquet of sweet raspberries, tart cherries, flowers, and mint. It's ripe and sexy, yet stays fresh, lively and clean on the palate, with good acidity.

Production: 425 cases

Regular Price. . . \$54.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . \$49.49

THE HILT **2015 'ESTATE' PINOT NOIR** **STA. RITA HILLS, SANTA BARBARA**

The Hilt is inspired by a single place: Rancho Salsipuedes in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA and its distinctive vineyards, Bentrock, Radian and Puerta del Mar. To understand the wines made by The Hilt, one might need to come visit the hard and harsh conditions under which they are born. The unobstructed, ocean facing east-west valley known as Sta. Rita Hills Valley is a complex AVA. One could divide it into four quadrants: northern-facing, southern-facing, close to the ocean, and further inland from the ocean. With such a frame, The Hilt's favorite vineyards are in the northern-facing, closest to the ocean, windswept quadrant. These sites are the worst place for a grape grower, but the best ones for a winemaker.



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TASTING NOTES: Heady nose offering a lifted mix of red, black and green aromas. Truly exotic perfume of blackberry, black pepper, mace, cherry, dried sage and freshly turned soil. Unbelievable concentration on the palate. Bold black fruit with a silky texture that is focused and so precise. Finishes with substantial, yet sweet tannin that hints at a long life ahead for this special bottle of pinot noir.

Production: 2,106 cases

Regular Price. . . \$44.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . \$40.49
