



# Au Bon Climat

Crafted using traditional winemaking techniques, this Pinot Noir is supple and refined, offering vibrant red fruit flavors with layers of spice and floral notes.



## Santa Barbara Pinot Noir 2022

California, USA

### Region and Vineyards

Santa Barbara County is one of **California's premier Pinot Noir regions**, benefiting from a **cool, maritime-influenced climate** that extends the growing season. The **unique east-west orientation** of the valleys allows fog and ocean breezes to moderate temperatures, preserving freshness and complexity in the wines.

This Pinot Noir is sourced from **six exceptional vineyards** across two appellations: **Bien Nacido, Rancho Real, Rancho Ontiveros (Santa Maria Valley), Rancho La Cuna, Kick On, and Los Alamos (Santa Barbara County)**. These vineyards feature a mix of **sandy loam and clay-rich soils**, which contribute to the wine's structure and depth. The diverse terroirs bring a **harmonious balance of bright acidity, rich fruit, and fine tannins**.

### Winemaking

The winemaking process follows **time-honored, traditional techniques**. The grapes are **hand-harvested and fermented in small lots**, ensuring precise control over extraction and flavor development.

Fermentation is carried out with **daily manual punch-downs**, enhancing color and tannin integration. The wine is then **aged for 12 months in François Frères French oak barrels**, with **10% new oak**, allowing for subtle oak influence while preserving the purity of the fruit.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with vibrant clarity.
- **Aroma:** Spiced cranberry, strawberry, hibiscus, and delicate floral undertones.
- **Palate:** Juicy plum, dark cherry, and cranberry, layered with hints of anise, tea, and clove. A well-structured, expressive Pinot Noir with refined tannins and a lingering finish.

Alcohol :13,50 %

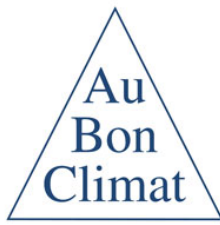
Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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## Did You Know?

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2022 marks **the 40th vintage of Au Bon Climat**, a winery renowned for crafting **Burgundian-style Pinot Noirs** in Santa Barbara County since 1982. Their commitment to small-lot, handcrafted winemaking ensures that each vintage **reflects the region's distinct terroir**.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Barbecued ribs** – The wine's fruit-forward profile complements the smoky, caramelized flavors.
- **Oak-grilled pork chops** – The balanced acidity enhances the dish's richness.
- **Juicy burger with caramelized onions** – A perfect match for the Pinot Noir's bright red fruit and spice.
- **Spicy Asian cuisine** – The wine's subtle sweetness and vibrant acidity pair well with bold, aromatic spices.



### Robert Parker (RP) : **93 Points** (2018)

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*"I first made Oregon wine under the Au Bon Climat label in 1984," says Jim Clendenen. "This is from the first plantings at Larry Stone's new place with Dominique Lafon, Lingua Franca." Pale ruby-purple, the 2018 Pinot Noir Oregon offers a nose with concentrated aromas of liquid licorice, warm blackberries, star anise and exotic spices with touches of rosewater coming through—so layered! In the mouth, it's medium-bodied with slowly opening perfumed fruits in a chalky, super fresh frame, and it finishes layered and nuanced. Give it another year or two in bottle. 790 cases produced.*



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