

## ETUDE 2019 PINOT NOIR FIDDLESTIX VINEYARD STA RITA HILLS, SANTA BARBARA

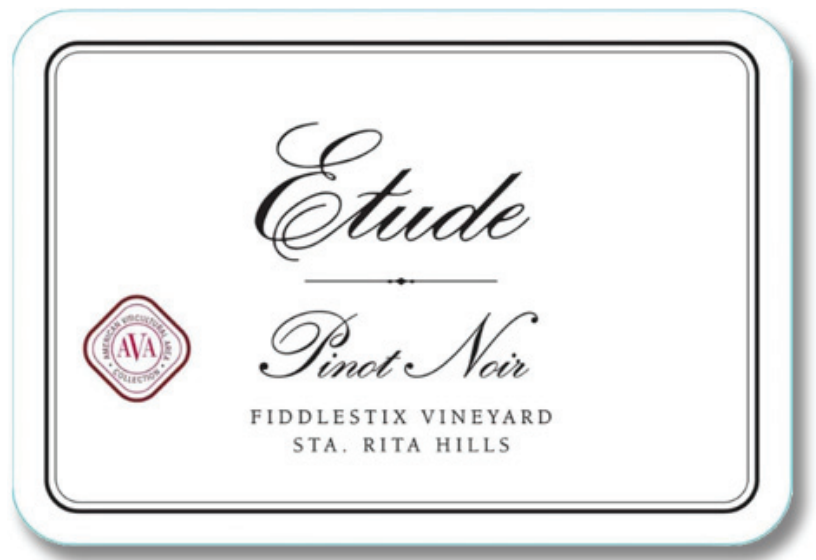
### TASTING NOTES:

This Pinot Noir is bright and cheery with aromas and flavors of lifted red berry fruits, red plums and Bing cherry, alongside notes of ripe nectarine and golden peach. Layers of sweet baking spice notes come through from the well-integrated oak, with nuances of cinnamon and clove, all framed by a lithe texture with vibrant acidity, great balance and a lengthy mouthwatering finish. This Pinot has substance and complexity, making it very appealing to drink now, and also promises much more to come.

### WINERY INFO:

Etude was established 1982, when founding winemaker Tony Soter set his sights on the cool-climate Carneros region in the pursuit of producing world class Pinot Noir. As a winemaker, Tony always had a fascination with Pinot Noir. He was quoted as saying “Pinot Noir is the most appropriate vehicle with which to study wine growing, precisely because of its demanding nature but also because of its delicacy and transparency. Make no mistake it is a humbling pursuit, but when it’s right, Pinot Noir is a glorious and moving thing. It is in the pursuit of that experience that we all work.”.

Pinot Noir offers intricate flavor profiles, many of which are unique to its growing region. Beyond Carneros, Etude sources fruit from the Central Coast region of California, Oregon, and even New Zealand. This diversity offers the opportunity to see the world through the lens of Pinot Noir. The flavors, aromas, and textures are a direct impact of the terroirs on which the grapes are grown.



### WINE STATS:

**Aging:** 12 months in French oak

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

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**Regular Price. . . . \$49.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$44.99**

## FREEMAN WINERY 2012 PINOT NOIR SONOMA COAST

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2012 Freeman Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is among the darker hues of this wine that we've seen over the years. The nose is right in line with what we expect from the Sonoma Coast: subtle, spicy, fragrant, complex and intriguing. Right away you will notice the high acidity on the palate, however the fruit ripeness of this vintage is pronounced and carries a great balance into the finish. The flavors are an interesting mix of cola nut, black currants, tart plums and some oak. This wine should be at its best from 2015 through 2024.

### WINERY INFO:

Since 2001, Freeman has been one of the great pioneers of cool-climate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, charting a course to the western edges of California winegrowing, where the influence of the Pacific Ocean shapes the character of the wines. In doing so, the winery has helped to define a more balanced, sophisticated and thoughtful style of winemaking—a style that has been embraced by connoisseurs and collectors around the world.

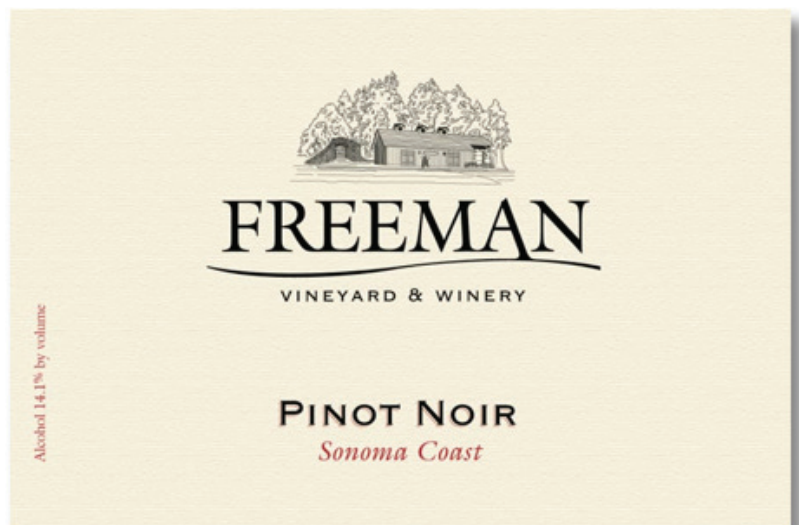
The 2012 Sonoma Coast vintage produced one of the largest and “problem free” crops since 1997. The weather was perfect for growing conditions from the beautiful Spring, the cool but sunny summer, to the mild September without any major heat spikes. Following earlier vintages, the harvest was on the later side, but the flavors were excellent with deep complexity.

### WINE STATS:

**Ageing:** 11 months in French oak (36% new)

**Alcohol:** 14.1%

**Production:** 1,221 cases



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