

# CLUB CRUSH PINOT *March Shipment (#2 - 2022)*

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## SMALL VINES 2018 PINOT NOIR SONOMA COAST

### TASTING NOTES:

Coming from a handful of sites and brought up in 10% new French oak, the 2018 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast is a beautiful wine from this producer, and it's easily the largest production release with 500 cases produced. Spiced black cherries, darker framboise, flowery incense, and baking spice notes all emerge from the glass, and it's medium-bodied, fresh, and lively on the palate, yet with deceptive richness and length. Give it a year in bottle and enjoy through 2028. It might surprise and evolve even longer.

### WINERY INFO:

Small Vines handcraft exquisite Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from 100% Estate Grown and organically farmed, unique high-density vineyards. Choosing only low-vigor properties, in cool coastal climates, they have been developing their Estate Vineyards since 1999. Each pure, distinct, soil-driven wine from the Russian River and the Sonoma Coast that they craft, is made with humility, authenticity and transparency.

Compelled by an ethereal experience with a rare Burgundy, Founder/Winemaker Paul Sloan has relentlessly pursued a plan to innovate winegrowing in California and grow only small vines to create wines of authenticity, balance, and structure.

"Grown in close proximity to one another, smaller plants create smaller clusters with tiny berries, resulting in more concentration of flavors," explains Paul. "Also, with the vines closer together, the fruit receives less solar radiation due to the proximity of the neighboring vine row, resulting in better acid retention in the fruit. For this reason, slower sugar accumulation with fruit maturation comes from photosynthesis in the leaves rather than the fruit receiving excessive harsh exposure to the sun. This results in complex, nuanced wines, with depth and great length of flavor, that age very well. Many times I have been accused of being obsessive in the vineyard and this I try to balance by being a minimalist in the winery."

### WINE STATS:

**Clones:** Calera, Pommard, Swan, 943, 828, 459, 114, 115, 667, 777

**Aging:** 12 months in French oak barrels, 30% new

**Alcohol:** 13.3%     **pH:** 3.65     **TA:** .56 g/100ml

**Production:** 510 cases



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

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## LIQUID FARM 2020 PINOT NOIR SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2020 is once again all Sta. Rita Hills, featuring Radian, Sanford & Benedict, La Rinconada, and Kessler-Haak vineyards. Small amounts of new French oak and stems lay the structural foundation while a brief élevage promotes the freshness and fruitiness we all expect from this AVA.



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### WINERY INFO:

The name Liquid Farm describes the authentic nature of wine (liquid from farming), and reflects our strong belief that all great wines start in the vineyard. We focus on wines from one of the coolest of California AVAs: Sta. Rita Hills. It's home to some of the most unique, ancient soils in North America and is perfect for growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. We allow our wines to develop on their own with little intervention, resulting in well-balanced, food-friendly wines.

We started in 2009 with only 4 barrels of Chardonnay, all from the same vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills. The original idea was to make one wine. However, the wine itself had a different plan and we gladly listened. Two of the four barrels made up our first White Hill Chardonnay, a more mineral driven profile reminding us of drinking Premier Cru Chablis. The other two barrels of Chardonnay had a profile of warmer tones and were texturally more voluptuous, reminding us of Meursault and the other sexy wines from the Côte d' Or (Slope of Gold) we are admittedly addicted to. Hence, our other bottling: Golden Slope. Since then, we've expanded our lineup by accessing chardonnay grapes from other vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills and the neighboring sister AVA of Santa Maria, and produce wines like La Hermana and our flagship, Four.

We produced our first Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir in 2014 and we released a total of four different Pinot Noirs in the past year. We typically focus on three single-vineyard Pinots and one blend from vineyards across Santa Barbara County (our "SBC").

### WINE STATS:

**Aging:** 11 months in all neutral French oak barrels

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Vineyards:** Kessler-Hawk (47%), La Rinconada (29%), Sanford & Benedict (12%), Radian (12%)

**Production:** 450 cases

**Regular Price. . . . \$48.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$44.09**

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