



WILD HORSE

Cheval Sauvage

2008 Cheval Sauvage Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley

OVERVIEW

At Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards, our free-spirited attitude, driving curiosity and passion for fine winemaking are what make us unique. Located south of Paso Robles, in Templeton, California, Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards crafts compelling wines from the best vineyards on the Central Coast. “Unbridled. Like No Other.” reflects the attitude and personalities of the people who have been creating these wines for almost 30 years.

VINEYARD

The 2008 Cheval Sauvage Pinot Noir is sourced from a diverse group of vineyards within the Santa Maria Valley and Santa Rita Hills AVAs of Santa Barbara County. Garey Vineyard, Bien Nacido Vineyard, Addamo Vineyard, and Sierra Madre Vineyard are all located in the Santa Maria Valley. Running east to west, Santa Maria Valley is cooled by the fog and coastal breezes from the Pacific Ocean, making for a long growing season and naturally low yields of concentrated, evenly-ripened fruit. Rancho Las Hermanas Vineyard is located in Santa Rita Hills. Bounded by the La Purisima Hills to the north and Santa Rosa Hills to the south, Santa Rita Hills experiences powerful maritime winds and a mild climate and delivers consistently intense and delicious grapes.

WINEMAKING

These small lots of Pinot Noir that comprise this blend were fermented in small, open-top fermenters, where the must was punched down 2 to 3 times per day during primary fermentation. Each lot spent at least 10 to 14 days on the skins to maximize flavor and color extraction. After pressing, each lot was racked once into 100% French oak barrels from Cadus, Mercurey, Remond, and Francois Frères cooperages to complete malolactic fermentation and undergo 14 months of maturation.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2008 Cheval Sauvage has more concentrated, richer flavors than some previous vintages. Its profile is classic Pinot Noir, with bright pomegranate and cranberry aromas, deep red and black fruit flavors, a sumptuous mouthfeel and pronounced minerality on the finish. Enjoy it with bacon wrapped pork tenderloin or steak with a morel mushroom sauce.

Appellation: Santa Maria Valley, Santa Rita Hills

Composition: 100 % Pinot Noir

Alc.: 14.5 %

pH/TA: 3.49/5.72 g/L