



# WILD HORSE

UNBRIDLED

## 2008 Unbridled Pinot Noir Santa Barbara County

### OVERVIEW

At Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards, the free-spirited attitude, driving curiosity and passion for fine winemaking are what make us unique. Our success is rooted in a commitment to crafting wines that are consistently high in quality. Located South of Paso Robles, in Templeton, California, Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards crafts compelling wines from 16 diverse appellations and more than 50 vineyards from California's Central Coast. "Enjoy Naturally" reflects the attitude and personalities of the people who have been creating these wines for over 25 years.

### THE VINEYARDS

This bottle of Unbridled Pinot Noir is comprised of three blocks located in former Rancho Las Hermanas Vineyard in the highly acclaimed Santa Rita Hills AVA. One of the smallest appellations in the state, Santa Rita Hills is bound by the La Purisima Hills to the North and Santa Rosa Hills to the South. Amid powerful winds and mild maritime influence, this region maintains lower yields making for beautifully concentrated wine.

### WINEMAKING

The lots of Pinot Noir were delivered to the winery via refrigerated trucking. Grapes were destemmed and then fermented in small open top tanks. The must was punched down 2-3 times per day during primary fermentation. Each lot spent at least 10 days on skins to maximize extraction and achieve softer tannins. After pressing, each lot was then racked once from tank into 100% French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and 14 months of aging. We selected only the finest barrels to produce this extremely limited bottling.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

This Unbridled Pinot Noir is a California style Pinot Noir with vivid aromas of pomegranate, cherry, and earthen components with a sumptuous mouth feel of velvety tannins, beautiful minerality, and an elegant finish. Pair this luxurious wine with a six spice hanger steak or Pinot Noir short ribs.

### TECHNICAL

**Composition:** 100 % Pinot Noir

**Appellation:** 100 % Santa Barbara County

**pH:** 3.43

**TA:** 6.10 g/L

**Alcohol:** 14.5 %

**Barrel Type:** 100 % French

**Time in Barrel:** 14 months