



2018

## Cherry Pie Pinot Noir | Tri-County

### Vineyard Notes

Combining three counties, each in its own AVA, Cherry Pie Pinot Noir showcases the best of each county's unique flavor profile. The Napa County grapes are sourced from the acclaimed Stanly Ranch Vineyard in Carneros which is the coolest of the three climates and provides bright red fruit to the blend. The grapes from Monterey County are sourced from the Alta Loma Vineyard and Arroyo Loma Vineyard which overlook the Salinas River Valley and are planted on gravelly loam soil which creates rich, concentrated earthy flavors in the fruit. The Santa Barbara County grapes are from the Los Alamos Vineyard which lies tucked into a canyon that leads directly to the Pacific Ocean. The sandy soils, bright sunshine and cool ocean breezes combine to lengthen fruit ripening and extend hang time, resulting in intense aromatics and great acidity.

### Winemaking Notes

The pinot grapes that go into the Cherry Pie Tri-County Pinot Noir are harvested at night to keep them cool, which creates stable sugar levels and better levels of acidity, as well as ensuring the fruit is less bruised in transport to the winery. The grapes are then fermented in individual county lots and brought together in the blending process. Cherry picking the best lots from the various counties, the wines selected are those that best exemplify the characteristics of each county's terroir.

### Tasting Notes

The 2018 Cherry Pie Tri-County Pinot Noir is concentrated with aromas of macerated cherries, cranberries and dark oolong tea. On the palate, this wine has brambly notes of mulberries, ripe Bing cherries with notes of baking spices and sweet toasty oak with a long, silky smooth finish.

**VARIETAL**  
100% Pinot Noir

**APPELLATIONS**  
57% Monterey, 23% Napa, 20% Santa Barbara

**COOPERAGE**  
100% French oak, 30% new

**WINE ANALYSIS**  
Alcohol 14.2% • pH 3.83 • TA 5.4g/L • RS 1.20 g/L

