



FARMERS. WINEMAKERS. FAMILY. Gary Pisoni evoked a passion for wine and revolutionized how people perceived Pinot Noir in the Santa Lucia Highlands. His 1982 planting in the unlikely terrain of his mountain vineyard was abound with firsts, hurdles and naysayers—until he planted his proprietary selection of Pinot Noir, discovered water and began producing world-renown Pinot Noir.

The iconic Pisoni Estate is now managed by brothers Mark and Jeff, vineyard manager and winemaker. The Vineyards consists of small blocks arranged on and around the ridges of the mountainous landscape. Farming is precise, and carried out with a long-term vision and sustainability.

The Pisoni Family produces essentially one wine per year under this label. The wine is a blend from several low-yielding blocks on the Estate and is hand-crafted to best represent the vineyard and spirit of the Pisoni Family. Total production ranges from 500 to 800 cases annually, depending on yield.

## 2019 PISONI ESTATE PINOT NOIR

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### VINEYARD

One of the highest-elevation vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands: 1,300'

Decomposed granite soil.  
High amounts of schist & quartz

Heavy fog influence

36 planted acres with 30 individually farmed blocks or sub-blocks

100% sustainable farming

Hand-farmed & hand-harvested

### VINTAGE

Winter rainy season brought a moderate 15.2" of rainfall

Cold front in February brought snow atop the Santa Lucia range

Season started with a late budbreak, delayed by the cold

Verasion was also late to start, but progressed fast with an onsetting warm spell

Mild weather elongated our harvest from Sept 20 to Oct 16

2019 brought dense but fine tannins and wines built to age

### WINERY

Hand Sorting

100% native-yeast fermentation

40% whole-cluster fermentation

100% French oak barrels:  
62% new oak

Minimal intervention is practiced

Only natural settling of the wine is utilized: No use of fining or filtration

### NOTES:

*The result of another spectacular vintage in the Santa Lucia Highlands, the 2019 Pisoni Estate Pinot Noir harnesses each of the most desired characteristics from this legendary site in beautiful, delicious harmony. Concentrated aromas of crushed black cherry, fresh violets, and orange peel burst from the surface of this deep ruby colored wine and immediately fill the air. With time, savory notes of baking spice and black tea lure the senses. The high-elevation and granite-laden slopes of the vineyard produce intensely focused and pure flavors of spiced plum and strawberry compote, forming a delicate balance with intriguing notes of clove and damp earth. The prevailing winds and coastal fog create an unmistakable vibrancy in the wine. This refreshing acidity, paired with long, fine-grained tannin on the finish ensures that this wine will continue its stunning display well into the next decade.*

- Mark & Gary Pisoni, Vineyard Managers
- Jeff Pisoni, Winemaker
- Alcohol: 14.1%
- Cases Produced: 780
- Bottled Date: September 15, 2020
- Release Date: September 2021