



2013 BENCHBREAK PINOT NOIR

Cambria is a family-owned, estate winery located in the heart of the famed Santa Maria bench in Santa Barbara County. Bolstered by several decades of diligent winemaking and vineyard experience, Cambria's wines faithfully express the unique stamp of one of the finest cool-climate crus in California.

CAMBRIA ESTATE VINEYARDS

This cool coastal vineyard consists of ancient fossilized seashells, shale, limestone and sand. This unique estate sits 400-800 feet above sea level on a bench that overlooks Santa Maria Valley before plunging down to the Sisquoc River. The fog-swept vines have endured since the 1970s, thriving in the cool, maritime influences that funnel in from the Pacific Ocean, and allow for the longest growing season in the state.

Since 2009, all the grapes from our Estate Vineyard have been certified sustainable under the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance's Certified California Sustainable Winegrower (CCSW) program. We have also been SIP (Sustainable in Practice) Certified since 2011.

WINEMAKING AND VITICULTURE

The 2013 vintage was a fruitful year, featuring a more consistently temperate growing season than had been seen in several years. The ideal weather conditions provided for flavorful, clean fruit with well-integrated and elegant flavor profiles. After harvest the wine underwent a seven day cold soak (pre-fermentation) before being aged in 100% French oak barrels.

This Pinot Noir is born from an amalgam of different clones and vine ages, with older plantings and clones providing minerality and gravitas and the newer vines conferring dark fruit aromatics and a lush texture.

FOOD & WINE PAIRING

Try our Benchbreak Pinot Noir with mushrooms, roasted tomatoes, truffles, filet mignon, and seared ahi. It also pairs well with cheeses such as Gruyere and Fontina.

TASTING NOTES

"The 2013 Benchbreak Pinot Noir is deep, dark purple in color with abundant red fruit and dark berry aromas and flavors. The ever-present underlying earthy character compliments its solid tannin structure and long fruity finish."

-Denise Shurtleff, Winemaker

WINEMAKER NOTES

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Clones: 4, 2A, 23, 667, 115, 777, 828

Appellation: Santa Maria Valley

Alcohol Content: 13.5%

Barrel Aging: 8 months in
100% French oak, 27% new

pH: 3.54

Total Acidity: 0.54 g/100ml

