

FOSSIL POINT

PINOT NOIR

v. 2018 • EDNA VALLEY AVA

OUR PINOT NOIR VINES ARE ROOTED in the Edna Valley AVA, on the coastal margins of San Luis Obispo. Here, cool marine air fosters ideal conditions for Pinot Noir, yielding small clusters with distinct floral aromas and prevailing flavors of bright cherry and bramble. Our winemaking relies entirely upon traditional methods and is guided by a respect for the inherent quality of the fruit. We harvest in the early hours and deliver the clusters still cold and intact for careful processing. Fermentation is conducted in small lots with daily punchdowns by hand, prior to aging in a selection of neutral and once-used French oak barrels.

TASTING & PAIRING NOTES

This vintage is classically mid-weight with pretty ripe red plum, orange peel, and pomegranate flavors. Careful use of French oak frames the wine without obscuring herbal scents of marjoram and black tea. Balanced in acidity and texture, this wine is a superb table partner to crispy pork belly, roasted duck or miso-glazed Black Cod.

ABOUT FOSSIL POINT

In the Edna Valley, on California's Central Coast, our vines are never far from the influence of the sea. Sunny afternoons yield daily to brisk marine breezes, and the growing season is directly shaped by the seasonal flow of the currents and surface temperature of the nearby Pacific Ocean. Even our soils of calcareous shale and coarse sand were uplifted from the ancient ocean floor and weathered into place over the millennia.

Fossil Point pays tribute to this bond between sea and vine. Located less than five miles due west of our winery, Fossil Point is a rugged headland with sweeping views of the coastline from Port San Luis to the Guadalupe Dunes. Standing on Fossil Point, you can enjoy the same ocean breezes that are on their way to our vineyards, where they will guide our vines to perfect ripeness.

TECHNICAL

Vineyard Sources – 100% Edna Valley AVA

Night-harvested, small lot fermentations

Élevage in neutral and once-used French oak barrels

pH 3.51, TA 5.8 g/l, Alc 14.0%

Cases produced: 5650

