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PINOT NOIR – SMITH & LINDLEY VINEYARD
SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS, MONTEREY COUNTY



Perched high above the Salinas Valley in Monterey County, the Santa Lucia Highlands (SLH) is quickly becoming a crown jewel of California viticulture. Enjoying one of California’s longest growing seasons, the SLH AVA features a north-south oriented alluvial terrace with well-drained granitic soils and shelter from the Pacific Ocean by the Santa Lucia Mountains. Many of the vineyards of the SLH are planted on hillside slopes to take full advantage of the bright morning sunshine. Yet the region also benefits from coastal morning fog and afternoon maritime breezes from Monterey Bay, cooling the vines to allow for long, gentle ripening of the grapes. The combination of the soils and the exposure to wind stresses the vines, causing them to put all their energy into the production of fruit rather than the canopy. The resultant berries are small with thick skins, leading to great structure, intense fruit character and depth of flavor in the wines.

APPELLATION:	Santa Lucia Highlands
AVA APPROVAL:	1991
SIZE:	22,000 acres
PLANTED:	6,100 acres
CLIMATE:	Cool, steady temperatures & climate
DOMINANT SOILS:	Chualar Loam, Arroyo Seco Gravelly Loam, Placentia Sandy Loam
MIN/MAX ELEVATIONS:	98 ft. / 2,349 ft.



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