

LAFOND WINERY & VINEYARDS



The Collection

Chardonnay
Sta. Rita Hills

Pinot Noir
Sta. Rita Hills

Syrah
Sta. Rita Hills

Pioneer of the Sta. Rita Hills

Lafond Winery & Vineyards was founded by Santa Barbara County pioneer, Pierre Lafond. Lafond started his first winery in Santa Barbara in 1962, and planted some of the first vineyards in the area in 1971, before Sta. Rita Hills was even an appellation.

Today, Pierre and the next generation are dedicated to producing limited quantities of Sta. Rita Hills Vineyard wines. Our Pinot Noir, Syrah, and Chardonnay are inspired by a desire to capture the specific beauty of each of these growing regions.



Our Family's Commitment to Quality

Our boutique winery is a family affair, with the second generation, Michelle and David, at the helm. Our family also includes a dedicated group of individuals obsessed with outstanding quality. Our passionate Winemaker Bruce McGuire has been with us for 30+ years, and our dedicated vineyard foreman Enrique Solozano, here for 27 years.

Sta. Rita Hills

Our winery and 100-acre estate vineyard is located on the western end of the Santa Ynez Valley in the Sta. Rita Hills. The Sta. Rita Hills appellation benefits from the rare east-west valley allowing strong winds, morning fog and overall cool temperatures to roll through from the Pacific Ocean. These conditions lengthen the growing season while nourishing grapes with a rare combination of full ripeness, concentration, beautiful structure, minerality and acidity. As a result, the classic cool-climate varietals thrive here.

SOIL & CLIMATE

- Our soils range from sandy and sandy loam with gravel and rock to varying degrees of clay.
- Coastal fog burns off by mid-morning accompanied by warmer weather.
- Afternoon sea breezes carry cooler temperatures into the evening.

Burning Creek Vineyard

Winemaker Bruce McGuire crafts the Pinot Noir from 37 acres comprised of three distinct soil types, planted exclusively to eight different pinot noir clones.

We obtained on SIP (Sustainability In Practice) Certificate in 2016. David Lafond initiated the program several years ago and after much work brought it to fruition.

