Featured Wine

2013 Cru Wine Company 'Montage' Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir

It is a location that's perfect for growing Pinot Noir.

It is the Santa Lucia Highlands of Monterey County. Every great winegrowing district has one thing in common: a sense of place. For the SLH, that sense of place stems from its elevated, mountainside perch and its close proximity to the cold waters of Monterey Bay.

The vineyards of the Highlands are planted on the terraces of the Santa Lucia mountain range, overlooking the Salinas River Valley. It is from those vineyards that CRU Wine Company sourced the grapes for its 2013 "Montage" Pinot Noir.

CRU, founded by long-time friends Richard Spencer and Michael Conway, produces a portfolio of handcrafted artisanal wines that reflect the remarkable diversity of California's coastal vineyards. The French term "Cru" is used to identify and classify prestigious vineyards and the wines made from them. This wine certainly is prestigious, not to mention soft, juicy and elegant.

At-A-Glance

Grape Composition:

100% Pinot Noir

Grape Source:

Santa Lucia Highlands Growing Area of California

Aromas and Flavors:

Red Cherry, Savory Herbs, Toasted Wood, Caramel, Toast. Tobacco and Coconut Aging Vessels:

Select Oak Barrels

When to Drink:

Now Through 2019

Our Tasting Panel Score:

91 Points

Expert Rating: San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition — Gold Medal.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: plank-roasted caramelized chicken with wild mushroom risotto.

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