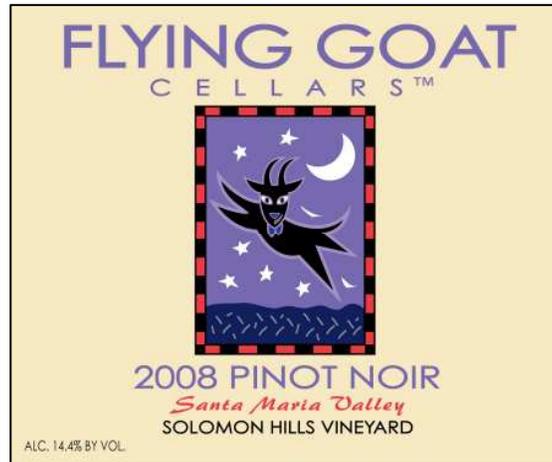


Product Fact Sheet

2008 Pinot Noir Solomon Hills, Santa Maria Valley



Solomon Hills is a stunning vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley, planted in 1999 and under the stewardship of the Bien Nacido vineyard crew. One of the coolest vineyard sites in the area, Solomon Hills nestles in a beautiful swale off of Highway 101 and Bradley Road, just southwest of the Bien Nacido Vineyard. The vineyard is divided into four different blocks with each of these planted to a specific clone and rootstock best suited to soil type and microclimate. The rows designated for Flying Goat are all Dijon clone 113, and the block can be seen from the highway as it undulates up to the water tower at the top of the hillside.

The beginning of 2008 brought very cold temperatures (the coldest on record for the month of April) resulting in some frost damage and a slow start to the growing season. Mid-August brought another extreme – a triple digit heat wave that in many regions caused intensified ripening. But happily, oceanic influences tempered these extremes in Solomon Hills, although the crop yield was smaller than usual and the August conditions hastened the picking decision and harvest date.

A lovely ruby color first beckons to the glass, and a swirl produces a bouquet of both Bing and black cherry, interlaced with hints of wild strawberry and that “sunshine in a glass” that is so typical of the Santa Maria Valley. Silky-smooth on entry, the 2008 Solomon Hills Pinot Noir brings notes of cran-cherry and redcurrant to the palate along with spicy nuances of cinnamon and morel mushrooms. Full, rich and round on the mid-palate, beautifully balanced acids and tannins and an elegant and bright finish. Will be a great pairing with spicy foods and dishes with a cream sauce. Only 95 cases produced.

Harvested:	September 7, 2008	Alcohol: 14.4%
Bottled:	December 18, 2009	pH: 3.76
Released:	Spring 2011	T.A.: 0.72 g/L

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