

# LONER

2012 SantaRitaHills PinotNoir

Produced & Bottled by Sanguis  
Santa Barbara, California

## R12 - a

There are (for the first time) two Loner Pinots Noir from the 2012 vintage; both of them made from the John Sebastiano Vineyard, located in the Sta. Rita Hill appellation near Santa Barbara, and both made in identical fashion as far as winemaking goes: natural yeast fermentations, raised in neutral oak barrels, never racked, etc. However, they're made from different vineyard blocks and clone selections and most importantly, fermented with substantially different percentages of whole cluster inclusion. As is the point of the Loner project, these wines tell the story of where they're from (on a very granular level, down to the specific vineyard block), and what those qualities suggested as far as winemaking goes (in this case, the choice of what degree of whole clusters to use).

R12 - a - Abundantly charming and seductive, this wine is Bill Withers' original version of 'Use Me' (I'm not entirely sure, but it seems that the song is about desire and sex). Sultry and dark with a combination of blackberry and plum jams, black pepper, dry sage and Lapsang Souchong. Even when served on the cool side, R12-a exudes a warmth and easy confidence as it enters your body.

General direction for Food to serve with this bottle: a stew, a roast of lamb, something with earthy qualities to play with the fruit in the wine.

Music: well, good ol' Bill Withers would work, or another piece from the Necks, called 'Sex'.

**Ideal temperature:** Just above cellar temp ~ low 60's to start

**Decanting:** Yes, always a good idea if possible. Several hours would be best, but even 20 minutes does wonders.

**Recommended stemware:** large Burgundy bowl

John Sebastiano Vineyard

## VITALS

Varietals	Pinot Noir 100% (10% whole cluster)
Vineyards	John Sebastiano
Harvest Dates	October 7, 2014
Yields	1.75 tons / acre 1.45 lbs/vine
Brix (at harvest)	24.5
Alcohol	14.7%
pH / TA	3.55 - 3.6 / 5.3 - 5.6
Barrels / Coopers	228L French Oak, 100% seasoned
Barrel Aging	18 months
Rackings	None
Filtering / Fining	None
Bottled	Spring 2014
Production	130 cases
Release	Fall 2014
Suggested Retail Price	\$75