



## FESS PARKER OLDER BARREL PINOT NOIR

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When Fess Parker bought Foxen Canyon Ranch in 1988, his plan was to run cattle, plant a few acres of vineyard and perhaps someday, establish a small winery that he could pass on to future generations

His two daughters are still involved in the winery today and now the home ranch vineyard has earned a great reputation for the quality of its Rhône and Burgundian varietals.

Located in Santa Barbara County, the Californian wine region made famous by the cult movie *Sideways*, the winery grows vineyards in some of the most prestigious AVA such as Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Maria Valley, Red Hills Lake County and Rutherford

**Viticulture:** The grapes come from Ashley's vineyard located in Santa Rita Hills AVA. The vineyard was planted in 1997 with 5 different Pinot Noir clones, including Pommard and Dijon from Burgundy.

The vines benefit from a cooling influence from the Pacific Ocean which is just 12 miles away. The sandy soil has a strong maritime origin

**Winemaking:** Grape are harvested manually by night and hand-sorted. 25% whole bunches are used, while during fermentation regular pigeage is used early on to aid extraction. The wine is basket-pressed then aged in 4 year-old French barrels for 18 months

**Grape Varieties:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Tasting Notes:** Expressive, pure Pinot Noir, loaded with silky damson and red berry notes with a touch of dark cherry adding richness. Hints of game and pepper complete the picture, while the palate rolls out with plump, succulent fruit and fine, elegant tannins

**Food Match:** Ideal with poultry such as chicken, quail and duck

**Awards:** 93 Wine Advocate, 93 Wine Enthusiast, 93 Jeb

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**Closure:** Natural Cork

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