

STORYOF SOIL

## The Source: Santa Barbara County

With transverse mountain ranges, close proximity to the ocean, lingering fogs, and soils that trace back to ancient earth, Santa Barbara County is a wellspring of riches for grape growing.

STORY OF SOIL has a certain love for this unique place and a desire to express that love in unexpected ways.

## About the wines in our tasting:

**Antonio Galloni of *Vinous* sampled Story of Soil's wines several months ago. His overall impression was:**

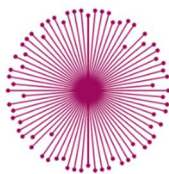
*"These are the best wines I have tasted from Jessica Gasca. Over the last few years, Gasca has really dialed in her style, leaving some of the excessively austere leanings of some past wines in the rearview mirror. The result is a range of nuanced whites and reds that articulate the essence of variety, vintage, and site. Winemaking is minimalistic, with only modest wood influence. Whole clusters in the reds are used with restraint."*



### 2023 Gruner Veltliner

Tech Notes: Aged for six months in a combination of stainless steel and neutral French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes: Pretty yet racy acid structures dominate. Green apple Jolly Ranchers and plumeria provide the beautiful aromatics, while the palate is full-throttle key lime and orange goodness.



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2021 PINOT NOIR | WILD KING VINEYARD | SANTA MARIA

### 2021 Wild King Pinot Noir

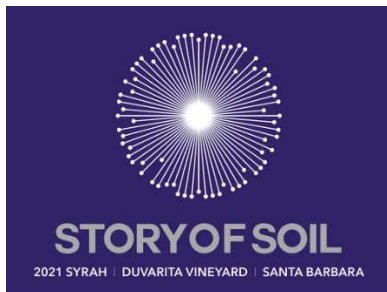
One of nature's most incredible stories. This vineyard was farmed without any manmade intrusion and this is a beast of a wine. This was one of our highest-scoring wines by Antonio Galloni of *Vinous*, and he said:

*"The 2021 Wild King Vineyard Pinot Noir is fabulous... Inky red fruit, blood orange, spice, dried herbs, and mint*

*are some of the many notes that open with coaxing. There's real depth and substance here."*

And here are some notes about the Wild King Pinot from the October 2023 issue of United Airlines' *Hemispheres* magazine:

*"On a recent visit to [the Story of Soil] tasting room, we tried a head-turning, yet-to-be-released Pinot Noir. The grapes came from the Wild King Vineyard, a plot in the Santa Maria Valley that was leased by a farmer who had stopped cultivating it. Will Henry, of nearby Lumen Wines, came across the site, and he, [Jessica] Gasca, and a few other local winemakers harvested the grapes, which were essentially wild. All of Story of Soil's Pinots are great, but this one was its own thing, uniquely structured, with lots of tannin. It was a bottle that you could potentially lay down and age for 20 or 30 years, but even young it was delicious."*

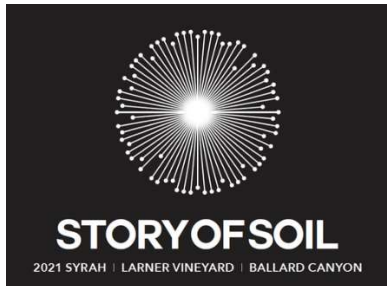


### **2021 Duvarita Syrah**

This, sadly, is our last vintage from this precious site, as its owner is ramping up their own wine production. We got these rave reviews from Antonio Galloni of *Vinous*:

*"The 2021 Duvarita Vineyard Syrah takes things to another level with its captivating fruit and overall intensity. Blue/purplish fruit, new leather, menthol, black pepper,*

*and sage all meld together seamlessly, with a touch of whole cluster savoriness that adds lovely brightness. This is impeccably done."*



### **2021 Larner Syrah**

2021 marked our 10th vintage working with this Certified Organic vineyard. Syrah rules the realm in Ballard Canyon and makes up 90% of the vines planted in the region. After the extreme heat we experienced in 2020, the 2021 vintage was treated to mostly cool and foggy weather.

This resulted in a leaner expression of Syrah than what we're used to. The finish has that classic Larner persistence while also being delicate and pretty.



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