

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S
Platinum Series Selection



Platinum Plus!

Solomon Hills Vineyards

2010 Pinot Noir

Santa Maria Valley

When the Miller family of California's Central Coast launched their most recent winery project in 2008, most industry insiders were already convinced of the operation's eventual success. These early predictions have already proven to be accurate and Solomon Hills Vineyards is securely among the elite boutique producers in the region.

The vineyards involved in the entity are located directly along Highway 101 just south of Santa Maria, the stretch of road known for centuries as the storied El Camino Real. Their location is also the westernmost in all of California, making them compliant to the caprices and whims of the Pacific Ocean. It is also interesting to note that the Santa Maria Appellation is the second oldest appellation in California, coming just seven months behind Napa Valley in 1981.

Solomon Hills also has its share of history. Supposedly named after an early 19th Century bandit named Solomon Pico, whom folklore has it was the main focus for the Zorro legends, the area has become a prime component for the prestigious Santa Maria growing appellation. The fruit from this area is always in great demand and is made into numerous vineyard-designate wines throughout the Central Coast.

Nicholas Miller, a fifth-generation member of the Miller Family, is one of the partners behind the Solomon Hills Vineyards brand and currently handles all of the company's sales and marketing chores. His brother Marshall oversees the financial and operational duties, and family patriarch Steve Miller is still active in all aspects of the sprawling Miller viticulture empire. This "empire" includes the iconic Bien Nacido Vineyard, owned by the Miller family and considered by many one of the prime producing vineyards in all of California. A state-of-the-art winery facility at Bien Nacido is where most of the family's wines are made, including those from Solomon Hills Vineyards.

It seems as if everything is in place for Solomon Hills Vineyards to continue its award-winning pace for many years to come. With incredible fruit from its namesake vineyard and the carefully thought out winery plan for the company itself, Solomon Hills Vineyards is certainly poised for even more greatness in the future. We are proud to present Solomon Hills Vineyards to our *Platinum Plus!* members.

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- *Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar*

Produced from the western edge of the Santa Maria Valley appellation in the Solomon Hills Vineyard, the 2010 Pinot Noir is a classic representation of this distinctive wine-growing region. Aromas of cherry, orange zest and exotic Indian spices beautifully complement the flavors of ripe cranberries, juicy pomegranate, blackberry, licorice, cocoa powder and vanilla. The finish is elegant and soft, with lingering dark berry nuances. Aged 16 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2018.

Retail Price at the Winery: \$60.00 /bottle

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