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93 Points



McIntyre Family Wines 2020 Winemaker Series: Don Van Staavere Pinot Noir (Santa Lucia Highlands). It's amazing that Steve McIntyre was able to hire a winemaker like Don Van Staavere to somehow rescue fruit from what was supposed to be a vintage lost to wildfires and smoke taint. This bottling is a beautiful color in the glass and exuberant on the nose with black cherry, clove and light mesquite aromas. There is a kick of smoke to the palate, and it pairs well to the fresh and baked red-fruit flavors that ride silky tannins. —M.K.

abv: 14.2%

Price: \$50