

# Samuel Louis Smith

## California Central Coast

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### Pelio Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

*The 2022 Pinot Noir Pelio Vineyard is a wild, idiosyncratic offering from Samuel Louis Smith. Dark red cherry, incense, cedar, sweet pipe tobacco, licorice and blood orange all race across the palate. Dense and persistent, with notable textural resonance, the 2022 has a ton to offer in a decidedly virile style. Lifted floral notes and supporting beams of tannin pull it all together nicely.*

**90 pts-** Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media, August 2024

*Lovely black raspberry, cherry and peppercorn aromas draw the nose into this three-barrel bottling from a ridgeline vineyard that will one day be a centerpiece of the Carmel Coast appellation. The palate is bold and concentrated yet ethereal, showing boysenberry, lilac and the kiss of oak. It gets better each day it's open. Drink now—2042.*

**96 pts-** Matt Kettman, Cellar Selection, Wine Enthusiast, July 2024

### Sandstone Terrace Syrah 2022

*The 2022 Gamay Noir Escolle Vineyard is a highly intriguing wine that melds together the bold fruit of Gamay Noir with a cool micro-climate in the Santa Lucia Highlands and a touch of whole clusters from the semi-carbonic maceration. Explosive and bold in the glass, with notable persistence and tons of character, the Gamay Noir is a winner. I especially admire its character and overall poise.*

**93 pts-** Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media, August 2024

*This blend of Nelson and Gali vineyards is extremely tense from initial sniff all the way through the finish. Aromas of bright black raspberry, delicate peppercorn and a light tar show on the nose. The energized palate is taut, crisp and refreshing, offering açai, blueberry, lavender and peppercorn flavors.*

**95 pts-** Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast, July 2024