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TOP 100 WINES of 2011



Sequana Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir

2009

“After three vintages, James MacPhail has found a happy marriage with the Hess Collection, which purchased his namesake label this year. The Sequana wines keep getting more nuanced, including this blend that shows the best of the Salinas Valley's prime Pinot site. A hint of bacon and tobacco leaf aromas mesh with strawberry, cherry and tart rhubarb for an oak-tinged but sinewy style. Though based in Sonoma, MacPhail is setting a benchmark for Santa Lucia.”

-- Jon Bonné