



### **Growing Conditions**

This was a year to remember, as nature threw challenge after challenge to growers across the entire Central Coast. Yet, out of difficulty comes opportunity and the frosts, winds, heat spikes and arid conditions produced a crop of intensity and flavor concentration. Yields were significantly reduced due to the weather factors at bud break, flowering and berry set – sometimes as much as 50% less than previous years. Those vineyards closer to the Pacific Ocean's moderating influence were not as impacted by Spring conditions and all vineyards enjoyed a mild, calm September that allowed slow and even ripening.

### **Tasting Notes**

This wine has a deep ruby hue with aromas of crushed sweet raspberries, violets, Chinese black tea, wild dried sage and chalky, almost wet stone-like notes. The wine is rich, medium-bodied, multi-dimensional, with superb depth and length, and a remarkable finish. The wine is gorgeously pure with its tight acidity. Symmetry is achieved rarely and this wine certainly has it. Give this wine another 1-2 years in bottle and watch its personality unfold over the following 10-15+ years.

### **Production Notes**

Sta. Rita Hills AVA  
Harvested 09.30.08  
100% Pinot Noir  
Clone 667 (65%) and 4 (Pommard)  
2.2 pounds/vine or 1.8 tons/acre  
50% Whole Cluster  
Pressed 10.17.08  
25% New French Oak  
Alcohol 14.1%  
96 cases produced  
Released 6.15.10  
\$46 per bottle