



WINEMAKER NOTES

Bright red fruits on the palate, pomegranate, raspberries and cherries. This wine is complex but approachable, light in body but textural. Notes of warm baking spices and a subtle earthiness represent all that the Sta. Rita Hills can offer.

Comprised of: 30% Rio Vista, 22% Turner, 13% Rancho la Vina, 11% Las Hermanas, 6% Radian, 6% Kessler-Haak, 6% La Encantada, 6% John Sebastiano Vineyard

WINEMAKING

Cases:	442
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	Pommard, 777, 114, 667, 115, 4
% Whole cluster:	45%
Soil at site:	Loam/Limestone/Sand/DE /Chert
Barrels Aging:	35% new French oak 12 months
Alcohol:	13.4
Brix:	22.5-24.0
pH at harvest:	3.29-3.54
Finished pH:	3.75
Finished TA:	5.7 g/L
Harvest date:	9.13-9.26 2019
Bottling date:	August 2020
Release date:	May 2022

2019 VINTAGE

2019 was a near perfectly 'normal' cool-climate Santa Barbara vintage. The kind of normal it feels like we rarely see anymore. Plenty of rainfall early in the year and moderate summer weather gave us an even growing season and a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in early-mid September. We didn't see the super extreme heat during the beginning of harvest, allowing for a steady and civilized pick schedule. The 2019 wines show good flavor concentration and depth from the extra hangtime, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

STA. RITA HILLS AVA

The Sta. Rita Hills AVA is significantly impacted by its proximity to the ocean (10 miles), consistent morning/evening fog, and steady afternoon winds. These cooling trends are not only perfectly suited to growing Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Grenache, and Syrah but also serve to prolong the growing season, allowing for heightened varietal flavor intensity. Additionally, the area's cool climate and vineyards' calcareous rock and sand help produce grapes with natural acidity and flavor balance.

ACCOLADES

94 points - Wine Enthusiast *EDITOR'S CHOICE*, *As the more affordable appellation blend, this is a brilliant bottling, loaded with winemaker Matt Brady's fresh energy and creative spirit. Fruity aromas of strawberry, cherry and red apple are lifted by pinches of plucked herb on the nose. The palate flies that red-fruit flag boldly but also picks up bay leaf and terpene-loaded herb flavors.* -Matt Kettmann

91 points - The Wine Advocate *Pale ruby, the 2019 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills has delicate tea leaves and red berries on the nose with touches of dried earth and savory spice. The palate is light-bodied, soft and juicy, with approachable, earth-laced fruits and a lifted, spicy finish.* -Erin Brooks