



### WINEMAKER NOTES

On the nose, this Pinot jumps out of the glass with dried rose notes, potpourri, ripe strawberries and red plums. On the palate the soft, fine-grained tannins and bright acid make this wine great for food pairing or wonderful to enjoy on its own.

Vineyard sources: *Kessler-Haak 47%, Rancho La Vina 26%, Radian 9%, La Encantada 9%, Bentrock 9%*

### WINEMAKING

Cases:	259
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	Pommard
% Whole cluster:	45%
Soil at site:	Loam/Limestone/Sand
Barrels   Aging:	28% new French oak   12 months
Alcohol:	13.4
Brix:	21.3-23.8
pH at harvest:	3.34-3.51
Finished pH:	3.73
Finished TA:	6.1 g/L
Harvest date:	9.5-9.24/2022
Bottling date:	August 2021
Release date:	January 2023

### 2020 VINTAGE

2020 was a whirlwind harvest in a less-than-normal year. Fruit came in relatively early due to a warm summer, but fruit quality was incredibly high. With decent rainfall, vines were healthy and a warm spring helped usher in a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in late August. A bit of heat at the beginning of harvest kicked things off with a bang, but moderate temperatures throughout the fall kept Rhônes on the vine a little longer. The 2020 wines show good flavor concentration and depth, 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

92 Points - The Wine Advocate *The 2020 Pinot Noir, Sta. Rita Hills is a very pale ruby in color and earthy on the nose, a core of raspberry and floral perfume accented by tones of wet tobacco leaves, flint and woodsmoke. The medium-bodied palate is chalky and approachable with juicy fruits and a long, spicy finish.* -Erin Brooks