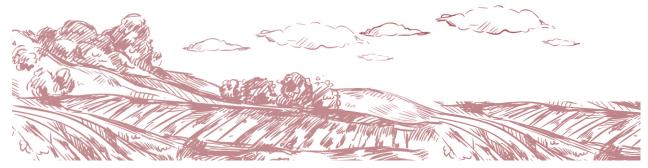


2013 PINOT NOIR CARGASSACHI VINEYARD

STA. RITA HILLS AVA SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



WINEMAKER NOTES

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WINEMAKING

Cases: 125

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills AVA
Varietal composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Soil at site: Calcareous botella clay with

decomposing clacareous shale

fragments

Barrels | Aging: 50% new French oak | 22

months

Alcohol: 14.4% Finished pH: 3.66

2013 VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage wines stand out as one of SB County's most age-worthy vintages. 2013 was the second dry year in a row (and the draught continued until 2017). Low yields gave extra structure and concentration to the fruit, making for powerful young wines that would benefit from time in the cellar. It was a warm growing season all year long, which finally cooled off during the final weeks of harvest, providing long hangtime with a little extra kiss of sunshine. The 2013 wines are dark, complex, and wonderfully balanced.

CARGASACCHI VINEYARD

Overlooking the western Santa Ynez River, Cargasacchi Vineyard was planted in 1998 on a south-facing slope of the Sta. Rita Hills range. The vineyard is comprised of a mere twelve acres, all of which are Pinot Noir Clone 115. In Burgundy, this particular clonal selection is looked upon as the whole package because of its ability to produce wines of both intense aromatics and flavor.

ACCOLADES

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