

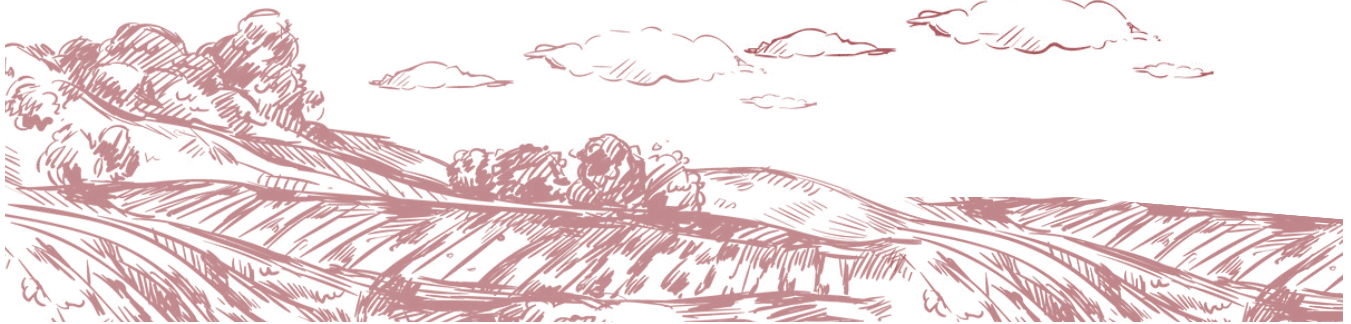
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2017 PINOT NOIR - RANCHO LA VIÑA
VINEYARD

STA. RITA HILLS AVA
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



WINEMAKER NOTES

Red cherries, strawberries, candied red fruit, red licorice, most fruit driven of all the 2017 Pinots. Fleshy and juicy texture that lingers on and sticks to your lips. Soft structure with super bright acidity. Savory flavors on the back end and through the finish.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	128
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills AVA
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	114
Soil at site:	Sandy loam
Barrels Aging:	30% new French oak 22 months
% Whole cluster:	66%, in small lots
Alcohol:	14.2%
Brix:	24
pH at harvest:	3.36
Finished pH:	3.47
Finished TA:	6.3 g/L
Harvest date:	September 14, 2017
Bottling date:	May 2019
Release date:	Fall 2020

2017 VINTAGE

Drought conditions began to lessen. We received our first significant rainfall since 2011/2012 in the winter between 2016 and 2017. Not nearly enough to get out of the drought, but enough to provide relief to our seriously stressed vines. We experienced another warm spring and summer, but not as extreme as 2013-2016. Despite the challenging conditions, the fruit was in good condition at harvest.

RANCHO LA VIÑA VINEYARD

Rancho la Viña Vineyard was planted in 2005 at the far southwestern edge of the Sta. Rita Hills. Situated on a gently-sloped mesa several hundred feet above the valley floor and fully exposed to the cool winds coming off the Pacific Ocean, this site is one of the coldest Pinot Noir vineyards in California. Along with the region's marine influence, the site's low fertility sandy loam soils yield very small berries, which give the wines remarkably deep, dark color and intense flavors.

ACCOLADES

94 Points, Jeb Dunnuck *"The 2017 Pinot Noir Rancho La Vina Vineyard saw the same 60% whole clusters and spent 18 months in 30% new French oak. More black raspberry, redcurrant, sappy herb, and gamey, foresty notes emerge from this medium-bodied beauty, which has stunning balance, integrated tannins, and a great finish. It too will evolve gracefully for 10-12 years."* - Jeb Dunnuck, August 2020

91 Points - Wine Enthusiast

Dried cranberry and wild oregano and thyme aromas show on the nose of this single-vineyard expression from the southern edge of the appellation. Strong black-raspberry flavors meet with black tea, cardamom and more exotic Indian spices on the palate. - Matt Kettmann