WINEMAKER NOTES

Serious across the board, ripe black plums, black currant and cherry fruits, dense, deeply textured and rich, the substantial tannic structure make this wine powerful now with incredible ageability.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	45
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills AVA
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	667
% Whole cluster:	100%
Soil at site:	Sand/DE/Loam
Barrels | Aging:	50% New French oak, 50% neutral French oak | 16 months
Alcohol:	13.7%
Brix:	24.6
pH at harvest:	3.15
Finished pH:	3.71
Finished TA:	6.2 g/L
Harvest date:	9/13/2018
Bottling date:	February 2020
Release date:	September 2021

2018 VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage is the stuff dreams are made of. The most 'classic' Santa Barbara County vintage of the decade with a cool, long growing season. A very 'civilized' harvest with no dramatic heat events or adverse weather. We were finally out of the half-decade drought thanks to the heavy rainfall in 2017, and vineyards were healthy and happy. Yields were moderate with some sites being slightly below average. The slightly low yields combined with extra 'hang-time' in 2018 resulted in super balanced and physiologically ripe fruit.

RADIAN VINEYARD

Raidan Vineyard is the sister vineyard to Bentrock, both located on the old Salsipuedes ranch. Radian is the western part of the ranch and butts up against the western perimeter of the Santa Rita Hills AVA along Santa Rosa Road. Whereas Bentrock Vineyard is more gentle rolling hills, Radian has really steep vineyard blocks. We have pinot noir there planted at the top of the hill where it's most exposed to the wind and the cold and the fog. Often we'll go out there during harvest, up to the top of the hill where our block is and it feels like a "fog hurricane" because the wind and fog are so intense! You can't see six feet ahead of you in those conditions.

ACCOLADES
Not yet rated