



WINEMAKER NOTES

The dense, dark fruit from Radian Vineyard allows us to play with a bit more whole-cluster fermentation (40%) as well as a kiss more new French oak (50%), to create a wine with both balance and power. The layers that are built from the stem-inclusion and the new oak barrel integrate into the dense fruit profile almost imperceptibly, so the resulting wine still showcases a sense of place while being powerful and expressive.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	70
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	Clone 667
% Whole cluster:	40%
Soil at site:	Loam/DE/Clay/Chert
Barrels Aging:	50% new French oak 21 months
Alcohol:	14.1%
Brix:	24
pH at harvest:	3.32
Finished pH:	3.75
Finished TA:	5.5 g/L
Harvest date:	9/18/2019
Bottling date:	February 2021
Release date:	Fall 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.

RADIAN VINEYARD

Raidan Vineyard is the sister vineyard to Bentrack, 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 Bentrack 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

92 points - Wine Enthusiast "This is one of the higher alcohol readings for this winery, but the wine sticks to a bright, herby style, starting with aromas of bay leaf, tea and green peppercorn on the nose, alongside the pom-cranberry scents. Thyme joins the party on the brisk, cranberry-driven palate." -Matt Kettmann