



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 Pinot Noir - Rio Vista Vineyard is an incredibly synchronous wine, beautifully balanced between fruit, earth and spice. On the nose this wine has candied cherries, dried leaves and exotic spices. On the palate, the tannins are super fine-grained, reminiscent of Rooibos tea leaves. Floral notes of hibiscus compliment dried red cherries, cherry cordial and cola notes. This wine is very integrated and ready to drink now.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	142
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	Clone 777
% Whole cluster:	55%
Soil at site:	Loam/Sand
Barrels Aging:	30% New Austrian oak (500L) 10 months
Alcohol:	13.1%
Brix:	22.6
pH at harvest:	3.54
Finished pH:	3.70
Finished TA:	5.6 g/L
Harvest date:	9/19/2019
Bottling date:	July 2020
Release date:	Spring 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.

RIO VISTA VINEYARD

Rio Vista Vineyard is located on the Eastern edge of the Sta. Rita Hills adjacent to the Santa Ynez River on Santa Rosa Road. The current Rio Vista Vineyard property was first settled in the late 1800's by Portuguese immigrants, many from the Azores. Our block at Rio Vista is the last block in the vineyard to get picked. It's not our last pinot pick but it's close. So even though it's in a warmer site on the east end of Santa Rita, it still ripens really slowly, and it's been a major component for our Santa Rita Hills Pinot Noir in the last couple vintages.

ACCOLADES

92 points - Wine Enthusiast, EDITOR'S CHOICE

Winemaker Matt Brady is a big fan of tacos, which would pair perfectly with this bottling's unique red-chile spice. That aroma meets with peppercorn, cinnamon and raspberry on the nose, while the palate packs tart pomegranate and hibiscus in with that intriguing spice kick. -Matt Kettmann