



WINEMAKER NOTES

Always one of our most powerful Pinot noirs, Radian Vineyard fruit comes into the winery in perfect, tiny clusters of berries with thick skins and incredible concentration. Notes of blackberries, charcoal, teriyaki sauce and chaparral add interest and intrigue to this incredibly-agereworthy Pinot noir.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	164
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	667
% Whole cluster:	30%
Soil at site:	Loam/Chert/DE/Clay
Barrels Aging:	30% new French oak 11 months
Alcohol:	13.5
Brix:	23.2
pH at harvest:	3.37
Finished pH:	3.67
Finished TA:	6.0 g/L
Harvest date:	9/24/2020
Bottling date:	August 2021
Release date:	January 2023

2020 VINTAGE

2020 was a whirlwind harvest in a less-than-normal year. Fruit came in relatively early due to a warm summer, but fruit quality was incredibly high. With decent rainfall, vines were healthy and a warm spring helped usher in a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in late August. A bit of heat at the beginning of harvest kicked things off with a bang, but moderate temperatures throughout the fall kept Rhônes on the vine a little longer. The 2020 wines show good flavor concentration and depth, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

RADIAN VINEYARD

Radian 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

91 points - *Vinous* The 2020 Pinot Noir Radian Vineyard is soft, fruity and easy to like. It shows good depth, but not quite the substance that defines the very finest Radian Pinots. I imagine much of that is a question of block selection. Crushed red berry fruit, mint, rose petal and chalk add brightness to this decidedly understated, mid-weight Pinot. -Antonio Galloni

91 points - *Wine Enthusiast* Black cherry, cola and mace aromas lead from luxurious to powerful on the nose of this bottling. There's a medium weight to the palate, where wild thyme flavors enliven the tart red fruit core. - Matt Kettmann