



WINEMAKER NOTES

This Pinot noir is quintessentially Sta. Rita Hills: savory, spicy and herby with a core of dark fruit up front. The fruit is giving on the palate: candied cherries, cherry tootsie pops, black plums, dr. pepper and saffras. This wine is well structured but balanced and still fresh and light on its feet. This one is absolutely ready to drink today but will morph into a more complex wine with age.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	91
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	667
Vineyard selection:	50% Radian, 25% La Encantada, 25% Bentrack
% Whole cluster:	30%
Soil at site:	Loam/DE/Chert/Clay
Barrels Aging:	27% new French oak (500L) 10 months
Alcohol:	13.5
Brix:	23.2-24.3
pH at harvest:	3.23-3.29
Finished pH:	3.73
Finished TA:	5.4 g/L
Harvest date:	9/22/21-10/5/21
Bottling date:	August 2022
Release date:	January 2024

2021 VINTAGE

One of the best vintages in recent memory, 2021 was an even, cool vintage allowing fruit extended hang time to concentrate flavors and complexity without losing acid. Wines from this vintage are powerful while still being moderate in alcohol, and maintaining freshness and fruit purity.

STA. RITA HILLS AVA

The Sta. Rita Hills AVA is significantly impacted by its proximity to the ocean (10 miles), consistent morning/evening fog, and steady afternoon winds. These cooling trends are not only perfectly suited to growing Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Grenache, and Syrah but also serve to prolong the growing season, allowing for heightened varietal flavor intensity. Additionally, the area's cool climate and vineyards' calcareous rock and sand help produce grapes with natural acidity and flavor balance.

ACCOLADES

Not yet reviewed