



WINEMAKER NOTES

Savory aromatics of dried herbs and the wild chaparral. Umami on the palate from start to finish. Rich and silky texture with the right amount of weight. The wine presents a core of pure, powerful fruit flavors.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	215
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	114 + 115
% Whole cluster:	60%
Soil at site:	Loam/Chert/Clay
Barrels Aging:	23% new French oak 11 months
Alcohol:	13.2
Brix:	23.1-23.4
pH at harvest:	3.25-3.28
Finished pH:	3.73
Finished TA:	6.2 g/L
Harvest date:	9/22/21 + 9/27/21
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.

RANCHO LA VIÑA VINEYARD

Rancho la Viña Vineyard was planted in 2005 at the far southwestern edge of the Sta. Rita Hills. Situated on a gently-sloped mesa several hundred feet above the valley floor and fully exposed to the cool winds coming off the Pacific Ocean, this site is one of the coldest Pinot Noir vineyards in California. Along with the region's marine influence, the site's low fertility sandy loam soils yield very small berries, which give the wines remarkably deep, dark color and intense flavors.

ACCOLADES

96 points - Wine Enthusiast *Clean and undeniably beautiful aromas of black cherry compote and cherry liqueur are leveled by earthy scents of forest floor on the enticing nose of this single-vineyard expression. There's a tight grip on the palate, where a black-rock minerality and well-integrated bay leaf flavor balance the core of vibrant, lush red fruit.* — Matt Kettmann

95 points - Vinous *The 2021 Pinot Noir Rancho La Viña Vineyard is the most nuanced of the wines in the range. Blue/purplish fruit, lavender, menthol, sweet spice and licorice are all amplified. Broad and ample on the palate, with tremendous depth, the 2021 is a rock star. I love the intensity here. The 60% stems are pretty much buried. This is a fabulous expression of the Sta. Rita Hills.* - Antonio Galloni