



WINEMAKER NOTES

Lots of big red and dark fruit jumps out of the glass, backed up by whole-cluster driven savory and spicy aromatics. Bright and fresh, with enough weight on the palate to make this a 'serious' glass of wine. Juicy and giving, with a structured and lengthy finish.

Vineyard sources: 38% Rancho La Vina, 24% Bentrack, 18% Our Lady of Guadalupe, 15% Radian, 5% La Encantada

WINEMAKING

Cases:	903
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	114, 115, 459, 667, 777
% Whole cluster:	45%
Soil at site:	Loam/DE/Clay/Chert
Barrels Aging:	6% new French oak 10 months
Alcohol:	13.5
Brix:	23.1-24.9
pH at harvest:	3.14-3.37
Finished pH:	3.70
Finished TA:	5.7 g/L
Harvest date:	9/22/2021-10/05/2021
Bottling date:	July 2022
Release date:	March 2023

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

94 points - Wine Enthusiast *This is a stunner of an appellation cuvée. Rounded aromas of black cherry, freshly pulverized mace and cinnamon-laced cream draw in the nose. The palate is lush and lovable with rich strawberry, sumac, achioté and more cinnamon, as a fine line of earth adds minerality. Editors' choice.* -Matt Kettman

93 points - Jeb Dunnuck *The appellation 2021 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills shines for its Burgundian-like complexity and nuance. Crisp black cherries, cranberries, ground pepper, and forest floor notes all define the aromatics, and it's medium-bodied and beautifully balanced, with fine tannins and a great finish. It can be enjoyed today but will benefit from a year or two in bottle and keep through 2031.* -Jeb Dunnuck