



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2015 Turner vineyard Pinot Noir was hand-harvested from Turner Vineyard in the northwestern part of the Sta. Rita Hills. The botella clay soil provides a rich, structured wine. 75% whole-cluster fermentation in small lots (2 tons). We hand punched each fermentor twice a day to enhance the extraction of colors, tannins and flavors. After primary fermentation was complete we extended maceration for up to 30-35 days to further extract color, tannins and flavor. Pressed with ultra-gentle stainless steel basket press in an 8-hour cycle. Aged in 25% new French oak for 22 months prior to bottling, no fining or filtering with two rackings before bottling, and then another year in bottle prior to releasing.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	102
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal Selection:	777, Pommard
% Whole cluster:	75%
Maceration:	30-35 days
Barrels Aging:	25% new French oak 22 months
Alcohol:	13.5%
Finished pH:	3.58
Finished TA:	5.8 g/L

2015 VINTAGE

A hot, drought year with exceptionally low yields. These conditions produced high-powered wines, loaded with intense fruit and tannin, and stuffed full of dark aromatics and big flavors. Save some for the cellar, these wines will stand the test of time.

TURNER VINEYARD

Turner Vineyard sits on 21 acres in northern Sta. Rita Hills. Predominantly planted to Pinot Noir (777 & Pommard), with a few acres devoted to Syrah, this is a dramatically cool site due to near constant Pacific winds. The soils are clay-based with chunks of calcareous deposits. These conditions allow for spicy, dark wines with intense character and tremendous sense of place.

ACCOLADES

93 points, Wine Advocate *“The 2015 Pinot Noir Turner Vineyard has a pale to medium ruby color and nose of peppered meats, blueberries, warm blackberries, bergamot, moss-covered bark, dried rose petals, crushed strawberries and warm raspberries with tobacco hints. Light to medium-bodied, it opens saline and soft, fleshing out to those savory flavors, with lightly chewy tannins and mouthwatering freshness, circling back to finish on a long, intense saline note. How pretty!”* Erin Brooks, Sept 2019

92 points, Wine Enthusiast *“Very fresh and snappy aromas of black raspberry are lifted by elegant touches of red flowers, mace and a loamy minerality on the nose of this appellation blend. The palate shows focused red-fruit flavors of cranberry and pomegranate, yet with an earthy, dusty core.”*-Matt Kettmann