



## WINEMAKER NOTES

*The 2022 Pinot noir - Radian vineyard is highly aromatic with an impressive purity of fruit, precise notes of black cherry and plum jump out of the glass. A second wave of earthy character follows, with notes of chaparral and dusty red soil. This wine is savory, rich and plush, with a deep concentration and a mouth coating texture. This is a wine that will age beautifully and begs to be accompanied by an herby, savory game dish.*

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	146
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot noir
Clonal selection:	667
% Whole cluster:	50%
Soil at site:	Loam/DE/Clay/Chert
Barrels   Aging:	33% new French oak   10 months
Alcohol:	13.3%
Brix:	22.8
pH at harvest:	3.25
Finished pH:	3.74
Finished TA:	5.7 g/L
Harvest date:	9/12/2022
Bottling date:	8/18/2023
Release date:	January 2025

## 2022 VINTAGE

2022 started off with a slightly later bud-break, and moderate weather through the spring and summer. Low yields across the board with all varietals and vineyards made the Labor-Day heat wave extra impactful and forced us to move quickly into harvest mode. Once the early ripening varietals were picked, the classic SB long growing season returned, and the final Rhone varietal grapes weren't harvested until late October. The 2022 wines retain their freshness and balance, with great flavor concentration and depth, and an extra kiss of sunshine.

## RADIAN VINEYARD

Raidan 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

*96 points - James Suckling Amazing aromas of rosemary, crushed black cherries and black pepper lead to a nervy, tangy cranberry and sour cherry palate stiffened by moderate tannins. Made with one half whole clusters whose stems enhance the earthy, savory nuances in this elegant, complex wine. Medium-bodied, linear and crunchy. Drink or hold. -James Suckling*

*94 points - Wine Enthusiast Dark, intense aromas of blackberry are cut by bay and eucalyptus leaf on the rich but balanced nose of this bottling. The palate is bold and ripe with black cherry, cola and allspice flavors, with a tension that rises into the finish. - Matt Kettmann*