



## WINEMAKER NOTES

*This wine is earthy and savory at its core—coffee grounds, shiitake mushroom, and umami-driven depth. The palate shows a beautiful balance between darker aromatics and red-fruited tones of dark cherry, matchstick, and a subtle whisper of teriyaki. Quietly complex and distinctly terroir-driven.*

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	112
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	667
% Whole cluster:	40%
Soil at site:	Loam, Clay, Chert
Barrels   Aging:	40% new French oak   10 months
Alcohol:	13.5
Brix:	23.3
pH at harvest:	3.20
Finished pH:	3.63
Finished TA:	5.6 g/L
Harvest date:	10/4/2023
Bottling date:	8/15/2024
Release date:	Winter 2026

## 2023 VINTAGE

The 2023 wines show an intensity and vibrance that can only come from an extreme long and cool winegrowing season. 2023 had the latest harvest dates in the modern Sta. Rita Hills winemaking era. The winter was cold and wet with record rainfall. An especially grey/overcast spring led to an extended 'flowering' period. Cool weather continued through the summer. Finally in mid-September we got a late 'Labor Day' heatwave and that final kiss of sunshine, combined with the extra-long hangtime, makes the vintage sing on all levels: bright acidity from the cool season, ripe rich flavors from the long hangtime, and a high level of balance.

## LA ENCANTADA VINEYARD

La Encantada is one of the famed Sandford Vineyards along with Sandford and Benedict, and Rinconada. This site reflects historic Santa Barbara winemaking right here. And, naturally, this is another vineyard that we were really honored and fortunate to be able to work with. Our block in particular is one of the older blocks, planted in the back of the vineyard. The soil is super sandy. The vines are 20 years plus years old.

## ACCOLADES

92 points - Vinous *The 2023 Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard delivers all the savory power you'd expect from this site. Dark spices, black tea, pomegranate and hints of underbrush lend the 2023 a darker, more somber character than the other wines in this range, but fresh acids and pretty floral tones maintain lift.* - Billy Norris