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UPC: 0 87951 02574 0 12pk/750ml

PINOT NOIR

 REGION: SANTA RITA HILLS AVA

VARIETAL: 100% PINOT NOIR

(93% Lafond Vineyard; 7% Burning Creek Ranch Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills AVA)

VINEYARDS: Lafond Vineyards & Burning Creek Ranch, Santa Rita Hills

The Santa Rita Hills is a small appellation at the western end of the Santa Ynez Valley that has gained national recognition for its Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The Valley runs west to east permitting the late afternoon ocean fog to roll into the Santa Rita Hills, where it lingers until early morning. The surrounding hills trap the fog before it is dissipated in the wider Santa Ynez Valley. In the summer the fog moderates the normally warm days of the valley, cooling the grapes at night. Warm days and cool nights are essential to the development of Pinot Noir providing the necessary acid/sugar balance. In the spring when frost is our biggest concern a layer of fog over the vineyard can provide protection.

HARVEST: Sept. 12-27, 2019 **BOTTLED**: Feb. 17/18/23, 2021

TECHNICAL NOTES: 56 barrel lot; 15% new oak.

Total Acid: .67 | pH: 3.41 | Alcohol: 14.5% | Harvest Sugar: 24.7 Brix | Sugar at Bottling: Dry

TASTING NOTES: The 2019 Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir has a rich ruby color with aromas of raspberry and ripe cherry. Subtle notes of cedar are just behind the fruit. Medium-bodied and well-balanced, cherry pie and sweet tobacco cross the palate for a smooth, lingering finish

WINEMAKER'S NOTES: This 2019 SRH Pinot Noir is composed of 8 different clones from 3 separate fields and multiple fermenter lots. This is a complete concentrated expression of SRH Pinot Noir.

