

EL PINO CLUB

El Pino Club is for Pinot fanatics: people like us who love this fickle, funky grape that flouts expectations and always surprises. Our curated, exceptional Pinots hail from the coastal corners of the world where this grape thrives. As individual cast members they are an ode to the lands and hands that produce them, and as an ensemble, they celebrate the full range and charm of this legendary varietal.

SEA FLOORED

Sea Floored is an ode to the ancient sea floor in which our vineyards are planted and the cool Pacific breezes that help Pinot to thrive in the Sta. Rita Hills. You can taste those maritime roots in its concentrated fruit, balanced acidity and fascinating minerality.

VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season got off to a fast start with a warm February, followed by a cooler spring. Warm weather arrived mid-June with no extreme heat spikes, allowing the grapes to retain their acid levels with slow and steady maturation of flavors. Picking was three weeks later than usual, but the gradual ripening rendered rich and in-depth flavor profiles that were worth the wait.

VINEYARDS

Fruit was sourced exclusively from our two estate vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills, each sited to benefit from the cooling influence of the Pacific Ocean. The Rancho Santa Rosa vineyard is planted on steep, south-facing slopes in limestone soils. Rancho Las Hermanas is the westernmost property in the AVA, with vines growing in over six different soil types, all of ancient marine origin.

TASTING NOTES

Take a deep breath and dive in, savoring this Pinot Noir's earthy and dark red fruit aromatics before immersing your palate in its bold structure, weight and silky tannins. Red fruit qualities of cherry cola and pomegranate couple with moderate acidity and a hint of black pepper with a long finish of black tea and barrel spices.

WINE

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir
Clones: Pommard, 667, 777, 459 and 113
Aged for 15 months in French oak barrels (50% new)

TA: 6.4g/L | pH: 3.51 | Alcohol: 13.9%

