

Foley
2018
PINOT NOIR
STA. RITA HILLS
BARREL SELECT

Located in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA of Santa Barbara County, the stunning hillsides of the Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard features vines that climb from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The soils are marine-based and the weather is consistently cool thanks to moist ocean breezes that sweep the property daily. The vineyard is farmed with the painstaking care and attention usually associated with much smaller properties. In fact, this vineyard was originally conceived as a series of individual micro-vineyards delineated by soil, exposure, elevation, grade, rootstock and clone.

VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season got off to a quick start due to a heat spike in early February which was quickly followed by a cold spell. The season continued with extended frost events and a cool to moderate weather pattern through May. The first pop of notable heat finally arrived mid-June and held steady with no extreme heat spikes, allowing grapes to retain their acid level and mature at a slow and steady pace. This consistency combined with low disease pressure set the stage for outstanding fruit quality. Harvest began three weeks later than usual, but it was well worth the wait.

WINEMAKING

We harvest our grapes based on the ripeness of the tannins. The fruit was hand-picked and hand-sorted in the vineyard in the cool morning hours to preserve the aromatics. The clusters were then gently destemmed with no crushing. The must was cold-soaked in open-top fermenters for four days. Each tank was manually punched down daily throughout maceration. Upon completion of primary fermentation and maceration, the free-run wine was transferred to tank for settling. Next, the individual lots were racked and aged for 18 months in 100% new French oak prior to bottling.

TASTING

Our Barrel Select Pinot Noir is a dramatic, memorable and age-worthy wine. It has unrelenting aromatics of cherry cola, spice, chocolate and pomegranate. The palate is powerful and opulent with undertones of vanilla, caramel and dried raspberries.

APPELLATION	STA. RITA HILLS
VINEYARD	RANCHO LAS HERMANAS WEST AND RANCHO SANTA ROSA EAST
COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
COOPERAGE	100% NEW FRENCH OAK
AGING	18 MONTHS
ALCOHOL	14.3%
TA	6.1 G/L
PH	3.53
PRODUCTION	227 CASES

