

Foley

2020

PINOT NOIR

J A RANCH | STA. RITA HILLS

The Brand Series honors the relatives of vintner Bill Foley who settled the Texas Panhandle in the 1840s as ranchers, cattlemen and Texas Rangers. These wines combine noteworthy barrels from superior sites within our estate vineyards to unveil a unique facet or interpretation of a designated variety.

VINEYARD Located in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA of Santa Barbara County, the grapes for this wine comes from stunning hillside vineyards that climb from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The soils are marine-based and the weather is consistently cool thanks to ocean breezes that sweep the property daily. Originally conceived as a series of individual micro-vineyards delineated by soil, exposure, elevation, grade, rootstock, and clone, these vineyards are farmed with painstaking care and attention to detail.

VINTAGE The 2020 vintage kicked off with a dry and cool growing season. The weather began to warm in July with an intense heat spike in Sta. Rita Hills. Early morning fog kept the grapes cool while afternoon ocean breezes swept in and ensured grape quality remained high. Harvest began August 25 and finished October 20.

WINEMAKING We harvest the grapes based on the ripeness of the tannins. For Pinot Noir this usually occurs around 23.5 - 25 brix. The clusters were gently destemmed with no crushing, then the must was cold soaked in open-top fermenters for 4 days. Each tank was manually punched down throughout fermentation. Upon completion of primary fermentation, the free run and pressed wine were transferred to tanks for settling. Finally, the individual lots were racked to barrels and aged for 17 months in 30% new French oak prior to blending and bottling.

TASTING This wine exhibits earthy aromas reminiscent of raspberry brambles, crushed violets, and cedar shavings. It is Burgundian in style with notes of lingonberry, blood orange, and dehydrated strawberry on the palate, with taut tannins and food friendly acid.

APPELLATION *Sta. Rita Hills* | **VINEYARD** *J A Ranch*

COMPOSITION *100% Pinot Noir*

COOPERAGE *17 months in French oak, 30% new*

ALCOHOL *13.5%* | **TA** *6.0 g/L* | **pH** *3.52*



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