

Foley

2022

PINOT NOIR

BAR LAZY S 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 prominent event of vintage 2022 was an unprecedented heat wave that occurred September 1 - 8, with temperatures reaching 106 degrees. Industry wide, we have referred to this anomaly as the “heat dome.” As harvest progressed, we experienced a bit of rain, lightning, and humidity pressure from Hurricane Kay mid-September. Mother Nature dealt us a surprising number of challenging weather circumstances, but overall 2022 delivered beautifully balanced, light-bodied wines.

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 16 months in 40% new French oak prior to blending and bottling.

TASTING The 2022 opens with aromas of fresh raspberries and cherry compote. On the palate, this wine has intricate tannin that gracefully frames black cherry and plum flavors with pops of candied cranberry and sweet almond paste. This wine pairs well with a comté or taleggio cheese, or with pork loin served with a raspberry and pomegranate glaze.

APPELLATION *Sta. Rita Hills* | VINEYARD *Bar Lazy S Ranch*

COMPOSITION *100% Pinot Noir*

COOPERAGE *18 months in French oak, 40% new*

ALCOHOL 14.3% | TA 6.6 g/L | pH 3.45



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