

Foley  
2019  
PINOT NOIR  
T ANCHOR 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**

There's only one way to describe the Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard: serene. Located in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA of Santa Barbara County, these stunning hillsides feature 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 swept 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 2019 growing season was notably cooler than average through spring and summer, but a burst of heat around Labor Day gave us the push we needed to increase Brix levels to their seasonal average. The disease pressure was low, but an anomaly of hard frost the first week of October forced us to bring the fruit in a hurry. Mother Nature delivered a roller coaster of weather, but with it came nuance and diversity of fruit expression.

**WINEMAKING**

We harvest our grapes based on the ripeness of the tannins. For Pinot Noir this usually occurs between 24.5-27.0 Brix. The clusters were then gently de-stemmed with no crushing. The must was cold-soaked in open-top stainless-steel fermenters for four days. Each tank was manually punched down throughout maceration. Upon completion of primary fermentation and maceration, the free-run wine was transferred to a tank for settling. Next, the individual lots were racked to French oak barrels and aged for 18 months.

**TASTING**

The 2019 T Anchor Ranch Pinot Noir is a lush plum-colored red wine highlighting aromas of spiced cherry compote, cocoa powder, and cloves. The palate expresses notes of ripe cherries and crisp cola. With a long finish and balanced acidity, this wine displays lingering notes of berries with hints of barrel spices and dry roasted vanilla bean.

<b>APPELLATION</b>	STA. RITA HILLS
<b>VINEYARD</b>	T ANCHOR RANCH
<b>COMPOSITION</b>	100% PINOT NOIR
<b>COOPERAGE</b>	40% NEW FRENCH OAK
<b>AGING</b>	18 MONTHS
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%
<b>TA</b>	7.4 G/L
<b>PH</b>	3.58
<b>BOTTLING DATE</b>	APRIL 28, 2021
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	984 CASES

