

# Foley

2021

## 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** 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 2021 vintage was notably cooler during the growing season with a late start to harvest. Early bud break and mild spring weather continued into a cool summer. The quality of the grapes were good and acid levels remained balanced due to the moderate weather. Tremendous team effort and coordination truly made this season possible. Our first pick was September 8th and harvest was completed on October 23rd.

**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** This beautiful representation of Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir opens with aromas of dried thyme, red cherry cola, and black pepper accents. Bright acidity lifts confectionery fruit flavors of dried cherry and fresh red plum, finishing with nuance of boysenberry and pure vanilla extract.

**APPELLATION** *Sta. Rita Hills* | **VINEYARD** *T Anchor Ranch*

**COMPOSITION** *100% Pinot Noir*

**COOPERAGE** *16 months in French oak, 40% new*

**ALCOHOL** *14.3%* | **TA** *6.17 g/L* | **pH** *3.59*



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