



## 2010 Estate Pinot Noir – *Carrie's* *Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills*

The block named Carrie's is a wind swept mesa on our western parcel adjacent to our Terraces block. Sitting atop a sun exposed mesa with several feet of botella clay soil, the extremity of the Carrie's site is enhanced by the gravitational pull on three exposed sides forcing the roots to search deeper for sustenance. Carrie's block is made of approximately equal amounts of clones 114 and 115. The lesser known 114 is lush, velvety and textural with an elegantly pliant internal core. The more widely planted 115 delivers fruit at a higher pitch coupled with a more structurally pronounced personality. The marriage of these complementary components is what renders our Carrie's bottling so complete. 40% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 60% remaining as whole clusters. Yields were 2.8 lbs/vine (2.6 tons/acre.)

**Robert Parker: 94 points**

**Stephen Tanzer: 93 points**

***tasting notes:** The darkest and most powerful of our small lot collection Pinot Noirs, the Carrie's bottling is layered with richness. Cool notes of rosemary, ginger, and exotic tea leaf are intertwined with the warmth of ripe persimmon, mulberry and holiday spice. Savory notes of tamari, applewood, uni and plum play with perfumed white flower and juniper. The palate impression is generous and complete and finishes with significant texture and weight.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

100% Pinot Noir

Cases Produced: 626

Clones: 114, 115

Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 12 year old French oak)

Fermentation: 60% whole cluster

Alcohol: 15.4%

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