



2013 Estate Pinot Noir - *Terraces* *Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills*

The three undulating slopes of Terraces cascading down from Block M have always intrigued us and it has been such a privilege to collectively bottle them on their own for the past eleven years. 4.9 acres in total, Terraces is planted on clay - rich loam and calcareous shale soils. The Terraces sections wrap 120 degrees around Block M, lying completely exposed to the elements and facing severe wind pressure, several different sun exposures, and challenging drainage issues. It is planted to five different clones of Pinot Noir: Swan, Mount Eden, 115, 667 and 777, making for a unique combination of older California field selections and newer Dijonnaise clonal material. 50% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 50% remaining as whole clusters. 557 cases produced. Yields were 2.9 pounds per vine (2.5 tons per acre).

Parker: 94+ points - Jeb Dunnuck
Vinous: 92 points - Antonio Galloni

tasting notes: *With a shiny garnet hue, herbaceous and spicy aromas of fresh mint, juniper, clove and dried oregano dominate initially while dark nuances of cocoa powder, chipotle, smoked apple wood and graham cracker linger in the background. The palate impression is lively with a burst of fresh acidity bringing both elegance and structure to the wine's savory and intense finish.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 557
Clones: 115, 667, 777, Swan, Mount Eden
Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 20 year old French oak)
Fermentation: 50% whole cluster
Alcohol: 15.0%
Release Date: 02.04.15