



2014 Estate Pinot Noir - *Block M* *Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills*

Block M is a windswept mesa on the west side of our estate lying adjacent to our Terraces block. Sitting atop a sun exposed mesa with several feet of botella clay soil, the extremity of Block M is enhanced by the gravitational pull on three exposed sides forcing the roots to search deeper for sustenance. Block M is made up of equal amounts of clones 114 and 115. The lesser known 114 is lush, velvety and textural with an elegantly pliant internal core, while clone 115 delivers fruit at a higher pitch coupled with a more structurally pronounced personality. The marriage of these complementary components is what renders our Block M bottling so complete. 30% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 70% remaining as whole clusters. Yields were 2.9 pounds/vine (2.6 tons/acre).

Wine Enthusiast: 94 points, Robert Parker: 91+ points, Antonio Galloni: 93 points

tasting notes: *Boasting a dark crimson hue, the Block M bottling is always layered with richness. Vivid aromatics of rosemary, cinnamon stick and star lily are intertwined with the warmth of ripe persimmon, mulberry and cherry pie filling. Texturally, the wine is crisp and fresh on the palate, with an intense tannin profile that finishes with gorgeous purity and length.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 893
Clones: 114, 115
Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 20 year old French oak)
Fermentation: 70% whole cluster
Alcohol: 14.0%
Release Date: 01.15.16