

Melville Winery

Family Owned and Operated, 100% Estate, 100% Neutral Oak aged

Greg Brewer is the genius behind these brilliant wines from the Sta. Rita Hills in California's Santa Barbara County. I am continually blown away by what they are able to put in bottle, and if you factor in price, these are no-brainer purchases.
Robert Parker (Aug. 2015) Jeb Dunnuck

2013 Melville Chardonnay Verna's

90 Points

Giving up classic apple tart, melon, spice and a touch of honey, it's medium to full-bodied, rounded and nicely textured, with lots to like.

2013 Melville Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills)

92 Points

One of the best values in Pinot Noir out there is Melville's 2013 Pinot Noir Estate and it over delivers in just about every vintage. Firing on all cylinders on this occasion, with complex red fruits, rose petal and sous bois aromas and flavors all soaring from the glass, it's medium-bodied, ripe and expansive, with lots of Sta. Rita character, integrated acidity and a clean, nicely focused finish.

2013 Melville Pinot Noir Clone 115 Indigène

93 Points

More pure and energetic than the straight Sta. Rita Hills release, the 2013 Pinot Noir Clone 115 Indigene offers a medium-bodied, elegant and beautifully balanced style to go with classic Sta. Rita Hills spice, savory herbs, dusty soil and sweet black cherry fruits. About as classic as it gets from the region, with nicely integrated acidity and a great finish.

2013 Melville Pinot Noir Sandy's

96 Points

I think one of the top two wines in Melville's Pinot Noir lineup, the 2013 Pinot Noir Sandy's is drop-dead gorgeous. Similar to the Terraces, with its sweet bouquet of raspberry and black raspberry fruits, toasted bread, spice-box and licorice, it hits the palate with lots of fruit and texture, yet is always elegant, seamless and incredibly layered, with sweet tannin lending length and cut to the finish.

2013 Melville Pinot Noir Block M

95+ Points

A very complete, balanced red, the 2013 Pinot Noir Block M was just partially destemmed (20%) and aged 14 months in neutral oak. It has a darker slant to its fruit with lots of black cherry, licorice, pepper/stem and forest floor emerging from the glass. These flow to a rich, masculine Pinot that has brilliant mid-palate depth, a seamless texture and building tannin that emerges on the finish.

2013 Melville Pinot Noir Terraces

94+ Points

The 2013 Pinot Noir Terraces offers a pretty and lively bouquet of sweet berry fruits, spring flowers, mint and sappy herbs. Medium-bodied, elegant and pretty, with a core of sweet fruit, it never really expands on the palate, but finished with superb length.

2013 Melville Syrah Estate (Sta. Rita Hills)

93 Points

Another wine that represents one of the top values around, the 2013 Syrah Estate offers incredible notes of liquid smoke, ground pepper, olive tapenade and tons of black fruits. Medium to full-bodied, ripe, textured and concentrated, it still has remarkable purity and precision.

2013 Melville Syrah Donna's

95 Points

The top Syrah is the 2013 Syrah Donna's. Made from 100% Syrah, 60% destemmed and aged 12 months in neutral oak, it's a full-bore, decadent, low acid and unctuously textured beauty that knocks it out of the park with its salty, bloody, peppery, black olive, violet and dark fruit-driven bouquet. Complex, layered and decadent, with no hard edges and a massive amount of texture and raw material, it's a heavenly Syrah.

2013 Melville Syrah Estate Verna's

93 Points

It reveals terrific notes of cassis, peppered meats, blackberries, licorice and wood smoke to go with a full-bodied, ripe, yet beautifully balanced and layered feel on the palate. Given all the Syrahs and Pinot Noirs from Santa Barbara going for three times the price, the quality here is remarkable.