



2015 Estate Pinot Noir - *Terraces* ***Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills***

From the west side of our estate, the three undulating slopes of Terraces cascading down from Block M lie completely exposed to the elements. 4.9 acres in total, Terraces is planted on clay - rich loam and calcareous shale soils. The three sections wrap 120 degrees around Block M, 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. 60% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 40% remaining as whole clusters. Yields were 2.6 pounds per vine (2.9 tons per acre).

tasting notes: *Soft garnet in color, with clean and vibrant aromatics of fresh cranberries, dried rose petal and pomegranate seeds emerging up front. On the palate, herbal notes of sage, eucalyptus and green tea mingle with hints of jasmine, hazelnut and orange zest. The mouthfeel is lively, with tremendous purity and depth as well as a healthy streak of acidity that anchors the wines tender, gentle tannins*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 375
Clones: 115, 667, 777, Swan, Mount Eden
Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 20 year old French oak)
Fermentation: 40% whole cluster
Alcohol: 13.5%
Release Date: 01.21.17