



## 2015 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. 25% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 75% remaining as whole clusters. Yields were 3.0 pounds/vine (2.7 tons/acre).

**Antonio Galloni: 93+ points**  
**Jeb Dunnuck: 92 points**

***tasting notes:** Bold maroon hued, rich components of moist potting soil, blood orange, black cherry cola and plum skin weave alongside more lofty and high toned expressions of redwood, graphite and black tea. The wine is superbly balanced, with a plush mid-palate core that transitions seamlessly into a broad, fanned out finish with both beautiful clarity and drive.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills  
100% Pinot Noir  
Cases Produced: 977  
Clones: 114, 115  
Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 20 year old French oak)  
Fermentation: 75% whole cluster  
Alcohol: 13.6%  
Release Date: 01.21.17