



2016 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. 50% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 50% remaining as whole clusters. Yields were 0.7 pounds per vine (0.65 tons/acre).

tasting notes: *With a shiny ruby red hue, vibrant aromatics of stone fruits, jasmine and guava dominate initially. In the background, hints of plum skin, cola, spearmint and vanilla bean also linger. The palate impression is fresh and lively, with a generous burst of acidity as well as a layered, complex finish that possesses tremendous depth and concentration.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 246
Clones: 115, 667, 777, Swan, Mount Eden
Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 20 year old French oak)
Fermentation: 50% whole cluster
Alcohol: 14.0%
Release Date: 01.20.18