



2013 Estate Pinot Noir - *Block M* *Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills*

Block M is a wind swept mesa on our western parcel 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. 20% of the fruit was gently destemmed with 80% remaining as whole clusters. Yields were 2.8 pounds/vine (2.5 tons/acre). 609 cases produced.

Parker: 95+ points - Jeb Dunnuck
Vinous: 93 points - Antonio Galloni

***tasting notes:** Dark ruby red in color, intoxicating aromatics of nutmeg, grilled beef fat, fig and cherry cola come through initially. Intense notes of ripe persimmon, salt caramel, raw sugar cane and tamarind weave alongside floral components of pink jasmine and magnolia. The wine boasts not only tremendous weight and drive but also excellent clarity and precision.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 609
Clones: 114, 115
Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 20 year old French oak)
Fermentation: 80% whole cluster
Alcohol: 15.0%
Release Date: 02.04.15