



2012 Estate Pinot Noir - *Terraces* ***Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills***

The three undulating slopes of Terraces cascading down from Block M have always intrigued us and it has been such a privilege to collectively bottle them on their own for the past eleven years. 4.9 acres in total, Terraces is planted on clay - rich loam and calcareous shale soils. The Terraces sections wrap 120 degrees around Block M, lying completely exposed to the elements and 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. 20% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 80% remaining as whole clusters. 591 cases produced. Yields were 3.0 pounds per vine (2.6 tons per acre).

Robert Parker: 95 points

Antonio Galloni: 93 points

***tasting notes:** Cabochon ruby in color, sinister elements of black cherries, cola and gunpowder emanate from the glass. As the wine opens, warm notes of baked red apple, Chinese five-spice and fig paste weave alongside dusty components of dried lavender, black truffle and orange zest. The palate impression is elegant and elusive with fine tannins that coat the mouth through the lengthy, generous finish.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

100% Pinot Noir

Cases Produced: 591

Clones: 115, 667, 777, Swan, Mount Eden

Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 20 year old French oak)

Fermentation: 80% whole cluster

Alcohol: 14.5%

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