



2014 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 destemmed with 40% remaining as whole clusters. Yields were 3.3 pounds per vine (3.0 tons per acre).

tasting notes: *Pale garnet in color, elements of orange zest, red apple skin and black tea emanate from the glass. With time, tender notes of rosewater, thyme and Chinese five-spice emerge alongside dusty components of lavender, fennel seed and dried tobacco. The palate impression is elegant, with well integrated stem tannins that frame the wine's lengthy and generous finish.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 739
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: 01.15.16