

Melville Winery

*Family Owned and Operated, 100% Estate, 100% Neutral Oak aged
Wines are Grown, not made*

Melville 2013 Block M Estate Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills 94 Points

Plump dark raspberries and ripe cherries combine with herbes de provence, slight lavender and a slightly gamy quality on this wine's elegant nose. Floral-driven flavors of hibiscus, rose hips and elderflower spice up the woody elderberry fruit, settling into Mediterranean herbs and a soft zing that goes deep into the finish.— M.K. (12/31/2015)

Melville 2013 Estate Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills 93 Points

Light but plump red strawberry fruit mixes with sandalwood, dried sage and thyme on this nose of this estate wine from winemaker Greg Brewer. Lots of spicy herbals show on the palate, from peppercorn and cardamom to thyme and oregano, giving deeper character to the light red-fruit core.— M.K. (12/31/2015)

Melville 2013 Estate Syrah Sta. Rita Hills 93 Points

Bacon fat, blackberry jam and black pepper combine for a classic and inviting nose on this bottling from the family-owned winery and winemaker Greg Brewer. The palate is dynamic with tart boysenberries, chipped dark chocolate, crushed peppercorns, a bit of char and beef tar, plus a rich mole-ancho chile element that keeps on giving.— M.K. (12/31/2015)

Melville 2013 Terraces Estate Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills 93 Points

Strawberry blossoms are cut by a darker undercurrent of juniper, pencil lead and redwood on this nose of this wine from a special corner of the family estate. A spicy sagebrush element on the palate gives nuance to the core of dark red berries and black plums, all sizzling toward an energetic, tongue-dancing finish.— M.K. (12/31/2015)

Melville 2013 Estate Chardonnay Sta. Rita Hills 93 Points

A brilliant balance of ripe ruby-red grapefruit juice and corresponding bitter-sour elements from the same fruit's pith mesh with tangerine oil, crushed ant, iodine and a bit of dairy funk on the nose of this wine. The palate's grippy texture shows apple peels, Key lime pith, baking soda and an almost peppery zing, suggesting lots of life. Drink 2016–2023. — M.K. (12/1/2015)

Melville 2013 Sandy's Estate Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills 92 Points

A kirsch-soaked cherry fruit quality greets the nose on this wine alongside espresso darkness, tobacco flare and a eucalyptus twist. The palate shows tart boysenberry as well as black slate, crushed coffee, juniper berries and an undeniable earthy quality.— M.K. (12/31/2015)

Melville 2013 Donna's Syrah Sta. Rita Hills 92 Points

There's a noticeable stemmy quality on the nose of this incredibly intriguing, almost mysterious wine, with green and pink peppercorns, crushed coffee beans and squeezed blueberry fruit aromas. A woodiness pervades the palate too, where roasted poblano chile meets with smoked cigar, lavender, dried berries and asphalt. It evolves steadily while open, and will drink... — M.K. (12/1/2015)

Melville 2013 Verna's Syrah Santa Barbara County

94 Points

This is likely the last vintage from this vineyard, which the family winery seemingly mastered in this bottling. There's an underlying umami-driven smoked meat backbone to the nose that also shows bold cherry blossom, olallieberry, pepper, dried herbs and blackberry-soy sauce. The palate is complex yet doesn't overpower, with bits of purple flowers, blueberry... — M.K. (12/31/2015)

Melville 2013 Verna's Vineyard Chardonnay Santa Barbara County

92 Points

The last vintage that the Melvilles are pulling from this Los Alamos Valley vineyard, this wine shows a complex nose of lemon candy, dill and fresh oregano. There is plenty of tension and grip on the palate, thanks to the lime-pith flavors, but a show of white flowers like tuberose keeps it properly ripe. — M.K. (12/1/2015)

Melville 2013 Verna's Pinot Noir Santa Barbara County

92 Points

There's a very candied red-cherry quality to the nose of this wine from a vineyard that the winery will cease using with this vintage, along with sexy aromas of violet, lilac, clove, cola, peppercorn and rose. A sage-driven character emerges once sipped, giving spice to bright red, slightly sour cranberry fruit.— M.K. (12/31/2015)