Melville Winery

Family Owned and Operated, 100% Estate, 100% Neutral Oak aged

"Winemaker Greg Brewer turned out a gorgeous set of 2013 Pinots at Melville. The wines are consistently of very high quality, something that was not easy to achieve in a year with huge yields. As always, Brewer works with small-lot fermentations, a healthy amount of whole clusters for the Pinots (less for the Syrahs), low levels of new oak and minimal racking, which allows for the personality of each site to come through."

--Santa Barbara: On the Road. (Aug. 2015) Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media

2014 Melville Chardonnay Clone 76 Inox

93 Points

The 2014 Chardonnay Clone 76 Inox is beautifully focused and nuanced in the glass, with plenty of lemon peel, slate, crushed rock and green pear notes.

2013 Melville Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills)

93 Points

The 2013 Chardonnay Estate is gorgeous. Rich and oily on the palate, with considerable texture, the 2013 boasts tons of texture and breadth. Candied lemon, white flowers, almonds and chamomile add shades of nuance as the 2013 opens up in the glass.

2013 Melville Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills)

92 Points

The 2013 Pinot Noir Estate Sta. Rita Hills is gorgeous. Bright red berries, red currants, rose petals and mint all lift from the glass in a beautifully delineated Pinot endowed with striking beauty.

2013 Melville Pinot Noir Clone 115 Indigène

92 Points

A deep, rich wine, the 2013 Pinot Noir Clone 115 Indigène shows the darker side of Pinot in its dark red and bluehued fruit. Mint, cinnamon and violets are woven throughout, adding layers of nuance and complexity. The broad, ample finish is striking.

2013 Melville Pinot Noir Sandy's

93 Points

The 2013 Pinot Noir Sandy's is one of the more reticent wines in the Melville range. Pliant and silky on the palate, the 2013 gives up its charms slowly. Here it is the wine's textural finesse and persistence that truly stand out. A kick of blood orange and spice adds an exotic note on the super-expressive finish.

2013 Melville Pinot Noir Block M

93 Points

Black cherries, plums, cloves, new leather and menthol are some of the many notes that take shape in Melville's Pinot Noir Block M. Dark, pliant and highly expressive, the 2013 shows the more virile side of Pinot, with notable breadth and amplitude.

2013 Melville Pinot Noir Terraces

92 Points

Sweet tobacco, cedar, spice and brambly red berries are laced together in the 2013 Pinot Noir Terraces, a blend of five different clones on three windswept parcels that lead up to Block M. Blood orange and citrus notes add brightness through to the delicate, understated finish.

2013 Melville Syrah Estate (Sta. Rita Hills)

90 Points

The 2013 Syrah Estate Sta. Rita Hills is a big, powerful wine built on fruit and up-front intensity. Dark blue and purplish hued fruit, spice, leather and menthol flesh out on the voluptuous, racy finish.

2013 Melville Syrah Donna's

91 Points

Melville's 2013 Syrah Donna's is sweet, perfumed and juicy, with attractive floral/savory overtones from the 100% whole clusters. This is an especially juicy, fruit-driven Syrah with plenty of near-term appeal, with the stems nicely integrated.

2013 Melville Syrah Estate Verna's

92 Points

The 2013 Syrah Estate Verna's is impeccably balanced from start to finish, with striking interplay of aromas and flavors. Dark plum, blueberry, cloves, sage and violet are some of the notes that run through this attractive, midweight Syrah.