



2016 Estate Pinot Noir - *Anna's Block* *Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills*

Named for the grandmother of a longtime family friend, Anna's Block is an eight acre parcel that was planted in 2001 on a gentle southern slope in the northwestern portion of our westside vineyard. The rows are planted in a north-south orientation which means the fruit hangs from east-west allowing for even ripening. Anna's block is planted to two different Dijonnaise clones of Pinot Noir that work well in tandem and bring a great amount of synergy and cohesiveness to the resultant wine. Known for producing very high-quality wines in Burgundy, Clone 667 brings intense color, structure, depth and ageability, while the earlier ripening Clone 114 offers richness and stuffing. 67% stem inclusion. Yields were 1.91 lbs/vine (1.73 tons/acre).

Antonio Galloni: 93 points

***tasting notes:** Vivid crimson in color, opulent aromatics of strawberry preserves, clove and prickly pear are immediately noticeable. Rich and concentrated notes of duck plum sauce and red currants mingle with spiced hints of Garam Masala, green peppercorn and steeped green tea. The wine is fresh and lively, with superb grip and acidity that elevate the wine's mid palate and frame its plush and harmonious finish.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Cases Produced: 768

Clones: 667, 114

Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (10-20 year old French oak)

Alcohol: 14.0%

Fermentation: 67% whole cluster

Release Date: April, 2018