



2016 Estate Pinot Noir - *Block M* *Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills*

Block M is a windswept mesa on the west side of our estate lying adjacent to our Terraces block. Sitting atop a sun exposed mesa with several feet of botella clay soil, the extremity of Block M is enhanced by the gravitational pull on three exposed sides forcing the roots to search deeper for sustenance. Block M is made up of equal amounts of clones 114 and 115. The lesser known 114 is lush, velvety and textural with an elegantly pliant internal core, while clone 115 delivers fruit at a higher pitch coupled with a more structurally pronounced personality. The marriage of these complementary components is what renders our Block M bottling so complete. 30% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 70% remaining as whole clusters. Yields were 1.5 pounds/vine (1.4 tons/acre).

Antonio Galloni: 94 points
Wine & Spirits: 93 points
Wine Spectator: 91 points

tasting notes: *Dark magenta in color, rich and round impressions of ripe raspberry, hoisin sauce and crème de cassis are immediately apparent. With time, subtle notes of black pepper, pine needle, blueberry compote and anise emerge alongside floral components of magnolia, fresh rose petal and hibiscus. Boasting a decadent mouthfeel, coupled with nicely integrated tannins on the palate, the wine finishes with extraordinary power and finesse.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 598
Clones: 114, 115
Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 20 year old French oak)
Fermentation: 70% whole cluster
Alcohol: 14.2%
Release Date: 01.20.18