



2017 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. 50% of the fruit was gently destemmed with 50% remaining as whole clusters. Yields were 0.7 pounds per vine (0.65 tons/acre).

tasting notes: *Bright ruby red in color, vivid and bright fruit aromatics of tart cherry, red apple skin and blood orange emerge up front while hints of juniper and pine mingle with richer components of strawberry gelatin and currants. On the palate, lively acidity along with long and soft tannins frame an elongated finish that possesses exceptional depth and concentration.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 272
Clones: 115, 667, 777, Swan, Mount Eden
Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 20 year old French oak)
Fermentation: 50% whole cluster
Alcohol: 13.9%
Release Date: 01.19.19