



## **2017 Estate Pinot Noir - *Indigène*** ***Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills***

While Clone 115 serves as both the backbone of our Estate Pinot Noir bottling, as well as making up about 50% of Block M, it is also a selection we find to be very compelling on its own. Our 2017 Indigène Pinot Noir is 100% Clone 115 and is the only Pinot Noir we produce at Melville that is not inoculated with a commercial strain of yeast. We instead allow native (indigenous) yeast to carry out the fermentation and also elect to completely destem all of the fruit (which is a rarity for us in Pinot Noir and Syrah production). Crafted in this fashion, along with the utilization of 10-20 year old French oak barrels, we are left with an extremely pure and honest representation of this selection. 298 cases produced.

*Tasting Notes:* *Pretty pale garnet hued, intense aromatics of blood orange, tangerine rind, pumpkin pie spice and fresh dill come through initially. With time, hints of bright red fruits, black tea leaf, cardamom and cinnamon become apparent. The wine possesses loads of concentration, with medium weight and soft, pillowy tannins that add structure and tenderness.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills  
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir  
Cases Produced: 298  
Clones: 115  
Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (10 year old French oak)  
Alcohol: 13.1%  
Release Date: April, 2019