

2017 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).

Wine Enthusiast: 96 Points Antonio Galloni: 95 Points Jeb Dunnuck: 93+ Points Robert Parker: 92+ Points

<u>Tasting Notes:</u> Deep garnet in color, with gorgeous layers of rhubarb, dried cherry, moist earth and dried orange peel. Layered with freshness, the wine's concentration explodes on the palate with tremendous depth and broad, savory tannins that bring superb balance and structure.

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir Cases Produced: 523 Clones: 667, 114

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

Alcohol: 13.9%

Fermentation: 67% whole cluster Release Date: October 2019