



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

Block M sits atop a sun exposed and windswept mesa on the west side of our estate. Planted above several feet of botella clay soil, the extremity of the site 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. 33% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 67% remaining as whole clusters. Yields were 1.0 pounds/vine (0.9 tons/acre).

**Wine Enthusiast: 96 Points**

**Jeb Dunnuck: 95 Points**

**Robert Parker: 94+ Points**

**Antonio Galloni: 92 Points**

***tasting notes:*** *Gorgeous scarlet in color, rich and savory notes of dashi broth, dried nori and soy are immediately noticeable. With time, dense and dark fruit components of cherry glaze and pomegranate emerge along with more delicate notes of rose petal, dried herbs and crystallized ginger. Always the most assertive of our small lot collection Pinot Noirs, this year's Block M boasts brilliant concentration as well as tremendous purity and balance.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir

Cases Produced: 347

Clones: 114, 115

Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 20 year old French oak)

Fermentation: 67% whole cluster

Alcohol: 13.7%

Release Date: 01.19.19