



2018 Estate Pinot Noir - *Block M* *Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills*

Block M sits atop a sun exposed and wind-swept mesa on the west side of our estate above several feet of botella clay soil that is planted to Dijonnaise clones 114 and 115. Clone 114 is known for its lush and tender texture, while the more widely known 115 delivers higher toned fruit components and is more pronounced structurally. Always the richest, roundest and most full-bodied of our Small Lot Collection Pinot Noirs, we feel that 114 and 115 work in harmony together and make Block M such a complete bottling. 33% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 67% remaining as whole clusters.

tasting notes: Rich crimson hued, savory and spicy notes of shiitake mushrooms, cinnamon, star anise and wet slate emerge initially. With time, richer fruit components of strawberry gelatin, orange marmalade and blueberry notes also fill in. The palate impression is assertive, with broad shoulders and ripe tannins that give the wine tremendous depth and intensity.

96 points, Wine Enthusiast

95 points, Jeb Dunnuck

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir

Cases Produced: 475

Clones: 114, 115

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

Fermentation: 67% whole cluster

Alcohol: 13.7%

Release Date: 01.17.2020