



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

On the west side of our property, the three undulating slopes of Terraces are planted on clay-rich loam and calcareous shale soils totaling 4.9 acres. The combined sections wrap 120 degrees around Block M on the mesa above and face west, lying completely exposed to the elements, enduring severe wind pressure, several different sun exposures and challenging drainage issues. Planted to five different clones of Pinot Noir: Swan, Mount Eden, 115, 667 and 777, resulting in a unique combination of older California field selections and newer Dijonnaise clonal material. 50% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 50% remaining as whole clusters.

tasting notes: *Gorgeous ruby red in the glass, with pristine and vibrant aromatics of dried rose petal, fresh rainier cherries and honeysuckle coming through up front. The mouthfeel impression is clean and focused along with rich impressions of dark chocolate shavings, red currants and strawberry custard also emerging. On the palate, fresh minerality and dusty tannins pave the way to a lingering and delicate finish.*

95 points, Jeb Dunnuck

94 points, Antonio Galloni

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir

Cases Produced: 350

Clones: 115, 667, 777, Swan, Mount Eden

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

Fermentation: 50% whole cluster

Alcohol: 13.9%

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