

melville

2022 Estate Pinot Noir - Anna's Block

Description

Over on the west side lies Anna's Block, planted in 2001 on a gentle southern slope in the northwest portion of the vineyard. This area is one of our most even-ripening blocks as the rows are planted in a north-south orientation, receiving a consistent exposure to the cold-climate sun. The soil is a well-drained and low nutrient sandy loam, causing the vines to work incredibly hard to survive. This stress, combined with our targeted care and attention, leads Anna's to produce small clusters and small berries, which equate to concentrated fruit that is exquisitely perfumed and inviting. Planted to two Dijon clones working well in tandem, Clone 667 is known for producing high quality wines in Burgundy and brings intense color, structure, depth and ageability, while the earlier ripening Clone 114 offers richness and stuffing.

Highlights

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 525
Soil type: Sandy loam
Clones: 667, 114
Fermentation: 67% whole cluster
Élevage: Aged in neutral barrel (15+ year old French oak) for 18 months
Bottling date: December 06, 2023
Release date: September 2024
Release price: \$74

Tasting Notes

The selection of clones 114 and 667 (planted north to south) in tandem with the deep loam soil all combine to create small berries and ripe stems, ideal for creating a sophisticated balance we love. Cranberry, ripe pomegranate, and ripe red fruits along with some savory iron, green peppercorn, rosemary and dried orange peel give way to the assertive yet elegant texture. Great pinots make you stop and think; take a moment with this one.

Scores

94 points, Jeb Dunnuck

Scores from previous vintages:

2021 - 97 points

2020 - 95+ points

2019 - 96 points

Technical Details

Alcohol: 13.9%

pH: 3.67

TA: 6.3 g/L

VA: 0.69 g/L

Free SO₂: 22 ppm