



2011 Estate Pinot Noir - *Block M* *Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills*

Formerly known as Carrie's, Block M is a wind swept mesa on our western parcel adjacent to our Terraces block. Sitting atop a sun exposed mesa with several feet of botella clay soil, the extremity of Block M 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. 67% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed with 33% remaining as whole clusters. Yields were a tiny 1.4 pounds/vine (1.25 tons/acre)

Robert Parker: 95 points

Wine Enthusiast: 91 points

Antonio Galloni: 91+ points

Josh Reynolds IWC: 93 points

***tasting notes:** Bright magenta in color, ethereal aromatics of wild rose petal, wet pine, and star lily spring from the glass. On the palate, intoxicating notes of mulberry, spiced orange, pie crust and dried rosemary intertwine with rich fruit components of baked red apples, plum skin and cherry compote. The mouthfeel is rich and generous, managing to finish with both power and finesse.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

100% Pinot Noir

Cases Produced: 360

Clones: 114, 115

Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 12 year old French oak)

Fermentation: 33% whole cluster

Alcohol: 14.5%

Release Date: 03.21.13