

2019 STA. RITA HILLS PINOT NOIR

Retail Price: \$40.00 Alcohol %: 14.5 Varietal: Pinot Noir

Region: Santa Barbara County **Appellation**: Santa Rita Hills

Vineyard: Peake Ranch & John Sebastiano **Blocks**: 14A, 14F, 4, 5, 14C, 18, 19, 8,25B,13B

Clones: 667, 115, Calera, Hyde, Pommard, 777, Swan

pH: 3.65

Malo: 100% Malolactic Fermenation Oak Regime: 100 % French Oak 45% New

Coopers: Francois Freres, Damy, Cadus, Taransaud Tasting Notes: A compelling example of what can be achieved with Pinot Noir from Santa Rita Hills, this wine captures the natural balance and complexity of this special appellation. The aromas blend bright cherries and blueberries with a subtle and distinguished earthiness expressed as dried oregano, white pepper and black tea. An engaging, seductive texture is supported with a backbone of French oak and finely-grained tannins.



94 points Jeb Dunnuck:

"Moving to the Pinot Noirs, the appellation 2019 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills comes from a mix of the vineyards the estate works with and was destemmed and aged 16 months in 45% new French oak. Medium ruby-hued, with a great nose of spiced raspberry and cherry fruits, it's medium-bodied and has a light, graceful texture, plenty of spice and floral nuances, no hard edges, and perfectly integrated oak. It should keep for 4-6 years."-Jeb Dunnuck

92 points Wine Enthusiast:

"Light on its feet, this appellation blend begins with aromas of pine forest and bay leaf alongside the pomegranate reduction sauce. It's layered on the palate, where red cherry and strawberry share space with tarragon and a long-lingering acidity."

-Matt Kettmann