



### WINEMAKER NOTES

This Pinot noir is dark and powerful, opulent and serious, full-bodied and broad on the palate. This wine has notes of red licorice, red plum and dried figs. This is a serious wine that will do beautifully in a cellar and has what it takes to stand the test of time. Our favorite expression of Bentrrock to date!

### WINEMAKING

Cases:	141
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot noir
Clonal selection:	777, 115
% Whole cluster:	60%
Soil at site:	Loam/Chert/DE
Barrels   Aging:	30% new French oak   10 months
Alcohol:	13.4%
Brix:	24.0
pH at harvest:	3.29
Finished pH:	3.71
Finished TA:	6.0 g/L
Harvest date:	9/9/2022
Bottling date:	8/18/2023
Release date:	January 2025

### 2022 VINTAGE

2022 started off with a slightly later bud-break, and moderate weather through the spring and summer. Low yields across the board with all varietals and vineyards made the Labor-Day heat wave extra impactful and forced us to move quickly into harvest mode. Once the early ripening varietals were picked, the classic SB long growing season returned, and the final Rhone varietal grapes weren't harvested until late October. The 2022 wines retain their freshness and balance, with great flavor concentration and depth, and an extra kiss of sunshine.

### BENTROCK VINEYARD

Bentrrock Vineyard is the westernmost planting along Santa Rosa Road on the old Salsipuedes Ranch (The ranch was broken into two vineyards, Radian and Bentrrock). Even on warm days in the valley, it is still breezy and cold at Bentrrock. The soils are complex. The soils are sandy but there is some variability with some richer parts as well lots of interesting limestone and sandstone, even a little bit of shale. Bentrrock is one of those cool climate sites where the style works really well for SAMsARA because we're able to make an acid-driven style where fruit is picked on the early side; fresh and bright, but the resulting wine has tons of depth, texture and complexity.

### ACCOLADES

**97 points - Wine Enthusiast** - *There's no shortage of fruit, spice and herb to entertain the whole experience of this excellent bottling. Aromas of black raspberry, pomegranate and alpine strawberry are cut by tarragon and hibiscus-mint tea on the nose. The high-acid palate is refreshing and vibrant, offering peppery spices that slice into the raspberry core.* - **Matt Kettman**

**93 points - Wine Advocate** - *The 2022 Pinot Noir Bentrrock Vineyard encapsulates the stony, rocky minerality endemic to this site, with a high-toned, red-fruited and breezy nose of chalk dust, oyster shell and dried red fruits. The texture is silky and taut, with a chalk-infused focus and searing acidity running through the beautiful, subtly drying finish. This warrants a year or so to unwind, but it's a lovely rendering of this fantastic site.* - **Matthew Luczy**