



## WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 Pinot noir - Rancho La Viña vineyard is always a standout and a favorite and 2022 is no exception. This wine is wonderfully balanced, and while giving on the palate, still precise on finish. The fruit is incredibly juicy and supple: ripe cherry, raspberry, strawberry and red currant. This wine is elegant, ready to drink or able to age and versatile with food pairings.

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	243
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot noir
Clonal selection:	114, 115
% Whole cluster:	65%
Soil at site:	Loam/Clay/Chert
Barrels   Aging:	20% new French oak   10 months
Alcohol:	13.9%
Brix:	24.7
pH at harvest:	3.35
Finished pH:	3.63
Finished TA:	6.4 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 varieties and vineyards made the Labor-Day heat wave extra impactful and forced us to move quickly into harvest mode. Once the early ripening varieties 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.

## RANCHO LA VIÑA VINEYARD

Rancho la Viña Vineyard was planted in 2005 at the far southwestern edge of the Sta. Rita Hills. Situated on a gently-sloped mesa several hundred feet above the valley floor and fully exposed to the cool winds coming off the Pacific Ocean, this site is one of the coldest Pinot Noir vineyards in California. Along with the region's marine influence, the site's low fertility sandy loam soils yield very small berries, which give the wines remarkably deep, dark color and intense flavors.

## ACCOLADES

**97 points - James Suckling** - *Elegant, vibrant and medium-bodied, so fresh, tangy and taut. Alive in florals, red tea, red cherries, cranberries and raspberries that keep ringing in the finish. Great acidity, moderate tannins and a medium body. Charming, almost delicate, but lithe and structured enough to age. Drink now or hold.* - **James Suckling**

**95 points - Jeb Dunnuck** - *Seeing even more stems, the 2022 Pinot Noir Rancho La Viña Vineyard has a beautiful ruby hue to go with savory red and black cherry-like fruit supported by toasted nuts, savory herbs, violets, and orange blossom. I love its overall balance, it has fine tannins, and a great finish. Drink this incredibly classy, complex beauty over the coming 10-12 years.* - **Jeb Dunnuck**