



WINEMAKER NOTES

A carefully crafted blend of seven different Sta. Rita Hills vineyards, the 2022 Pinot Noir - Sta. Rita Hills exemplifies the cool climate and long growing season that shape the flavor profile of wines from our area. This Pinot noir has aromas of dark red fruit, baking spice and on the palate the wine is structured and focused, while retaining brightness and freshness, with notes of black cherry and a pleasant salinity on the finish.

Vineyard sources: 31% Hilliard Bruce, 26% Spear, 23% Our Lady of Guadalupe, 9% Bentrack, 7% Rancho La Viña, 2% Radian, 2% La Encantada

WINEMAKING

Cases:	1052
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	115, 459, 667, 777, Swan
% Whole cluster:	56%
Soil at site:	Sand/Loam/Clay/Chert
Barrels Aging:	15% new French oak 10 months
Alcohol:	13.2%
Brix:	21.0-26.7
pH at harvest:	3.13-3.64
Finished pH:	3.74
Finished TA:	6.0 g/L
Harvest date:	9/1/2022-9/28/2022
Bottling date:	7/28/2023
Release date:	August 2024

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.

STA. RITA HILLS

The Sta. Rita Hills AVA is significantly impacted by its proximity to the ocean (10 miles), consistent morning/evening fog, and steady afternoon winds. These cooling trends are not only perfectly suited to growing Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Grenache, and Syrah but also serve to prolong the growing season, allowing for heightened varietal flavor intensity. Additionally, the area's cool climate and vineyards' calcareous rock and sand help produce grapes with natural acidity and flavor balance.

ACCOLADES

93 points - Wine Enthusiast Fairly extreme aromas of bay leaf, rosemary and eucalyptus enliven the raspberry core on the nose of this bottling. The palate is awash in sansho peppercorn flavors that give a spicy, herbal edge to the tart red plum core. -**Matt Kettman**

91 points - **Jeb Dunnuck** Moving to the Pinot Noirs, the 2022 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills is from a mix of vineyards (Hilliard Bruce, Spear, Lady of Guadalupe, Bentrack, and others) and was aged in 15% new oak. It's an incredibly peppery, stemmy effort with quality red and black fruits, some forest, floral, and herbal background notes, medium-bodied richness, and a pure, layered, elegant mouthfeel. It's going to benefit from a year or two in bottle and drink nicely through 2032+. -**Jeb Dunnuck**