



TASTING NOTES

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WINEMAKING

Cases:	253
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
% Whole cluster:	50%
Soil at site:	Sand/Limestone/Loam
Barrels Aging:	25% new French oak 22 months
Alcohol:	14.0%
Finished pH:	3.59
Finished TA:	5.9 g/L

2014 VINTAGE

Another year of drought, with intense heat leading into harvest. Despite the hot, dry conditions, the vines produced big yields in fruit. Expect wines with strongfruit characteristics, juiciness, and wonderful accessibility. These are wines driven by primary red fruit characteristics and a bright acid profile.

LAS HERMANAS VINEYARD

Las Hermanas Vineyard sits to the west of the Melville Estate Vineyard, just 8 miles from the ocean. It is planted on over six different soil types, all of marine origin. SAMsARA's hillside section of Pinot Noir is located towards the top of the vineyard, where it is well-drained and aggressively sloped.

ACCOLADES

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93 points - Vinous *One of the most distinctive wines in the range, the 2014 Pinot Noir Las Hermanas Vineyard is captivating, Fresh, nuanced and super-expressive, it hits on all the right notes. Intense, perfumed aromatics, bright fruit and fine chiseled tannis give the wine its super distinctive personality. There is much to like here.* -Antonio Galloni