

WINEMAKER NOTES

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WINEMAKING

Cases: 127

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills

Varietal 100% Syrah

composition:

% Whole cluster: 100%

Barrels | Aging: 100% neutral French oak |

21 months

Alcohol: 14.4%

Finished pH: 3.51 Finished TA: 6.6 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 winesdriven by primary red fruit characteristics and a bright acid profile.

TURNER VINEYARD

Turner Vineyard sits on 21 acres in northern Sta. Rita Hills. Predominantly planted to Pinot Noir (777 & Pommard), with a few acres devoted to Syrah, this is a dramatically cool site due to near constant Pacific winds. The soils are clay-based with chunks of calcareous deposits. These conditions allow for spicy,dark wines with intense character and tremendous sense of place.

ACCOLADES

95 points - EDITOR'S CHOICE - The Wine Enthusiast There's extreme, maybe even obscene, amounts of cracked black pepper on the savory nose of this cool-climate expression, which comes from the same 12 rows each vintage. There are also scents of roasted beef, asphalt and a pinch of lavender. The pepper character coats the palate too, diced by lively acidity. This is, perhaps, the most pitch-perfect show of Côte-Rôtie in California to date. - Matt Kettmann

95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous

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