



## WINEMAKER NOTES

Big aromatics with spice and pretty red fruit aromatics, flavors of cherries, pomegranate, and strawberries. It has richness and a smooth saline texture on the palate as well as great depth and weight with a long persistent finish.

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	390
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills AVA
Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal selection:	Clones Pommard & 777
% Whole cluster:	50%
Soil at site:	Sandy loam and clay
Barrels   Aging:	25% new French oak   22 months 14.0%
Alcohol:	23.6
Brix:	3.60
pH at harvest:	3.63
Finished pH:	6.2 g/L
Finished TA:	9/4/2015
Harvest date:	July 2017
Bottling date:	September 2019
Release date:	

## 2015 VINTAGE

A hot, drought year with exceptionally low yields. These conditions produced high-powered wines, loaded with intense fruit and tannin, and stuffed full of dark aromatics and big flavors. Save some for the cellar, these wines will stand the test of time.

## 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

94 points, Wine Advocate *"The 2015 Pinot Noir Rancho la Viña Vineyard has a pale to medium ruby color with aromas of blueberries, roses, crushed stone, tobacco, saline, and tangerine peel with rhubarb, strawberry, warm red and black cherries, and blackberries with tinges of woodsmoke and earth. The light to medium-bodied palate is silky, featuring broody spices and fruits and swelling with pleasantly chewy tannins and juicy freshness before finishing with tons of vibrant energy."*  
Erin Brooks, Sept 2019

93 points, Jeb Dunnuck *"Smoked red fruits, dried herbs, sous bois, and earth all emerge from the 2015 Pinot Noir Rancho la Viña Vineyard. Another powerful, concentrated Pinot Noir, it balances its richness nicely with purity and elegance."*  
Jeb Dunnuck, Oct 2018