

2010 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills

Wine Spectator **90pts**
6/25/2012

The 2010 Sanford Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir is a blend of fruit from our two estate vineyards: La Rinconada (75%) and the historic Sanford & Benedict Vineyard (25%). Both of these stellar vineyards are in the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills. A mix of vineyard blocks and several different clones gives this wine great complexity. The wine is brilliant red in color and is bursting with bright red fruits like raspberry and bing cherry, with hints of pepper and dried flowers on the nose. The palate delivers silky berry flavors framed nicely by bright acidity and supple tannins.

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Dates: 9/9/09 – 10/5/09

Cold Soak: 5 days

Fermentation: 14 days in stainless steel open top tank

Aging: Aged in French Oak barrels (30% new) for 10 months.

Brix at Harvest: 24.5

pH: 3.56

TA: 6.0 g/L

Alcohol: 14.5%

Features:

- First winery to plant Pinot Noir in the Sta. Rita Hills
- The Sta. Rita Hills enjoy one of the longest growing seasons in California due to the unique east-west traversing valley
- Wines are hand-crafted by lot and produced sustainably

Benefits:

- Sanford winery is a pioneer of wine making in Santa Barbara
- Cool climate conditions create ripe yet balanced flavors
- Sustainably farmed vineyards ensure lasting quality, which is reflected in the wines



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Case: 12 pack