

## 2012 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills

The 2012 Sanford Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir is a blend of fruit from our two estate vineyards: La Rinconada (61%) and the historic Sanford & Benedict Vineyard (39%). Both of these stellar vineyards are in the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills. A wide range of Pinot clones are planted on these sites, and our 2012 is a blend of 10 of these clones. 2012 was a perfect growing season, which resulted in complex, concentrated and balanced wines. This Pinot is deep red in color and is bursting with red and black fruits like raspberry and black cherry, along with savory notes of cola, white pepper and sage. The palate delivers rich berry flavors balanced nicely by acid and tannin structure.

<b>Appellation:</b>	Sta. Rita Hills
<b>Varietals:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	9/12/12 – 10/6/12
<b>Cold Soak:</b>	5 days
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Average of 18 days in stainless steel open top tank
<b>Aging:</b>	Aged in French Oak barrels (30% new) for 10 months.
<b>Brix at Harvest:</b>	24.0
<b>pH:</b>	3.50
<b>TA:</b>	5.94 g/L
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.2%

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Case: 12 pack

### 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

- More than 30 years of tradition from a pioneering Santa Barbara Vintner
- Cool climate, maritime influenced conditions create ripe yet balanced flavors
- Microvinification allows for more control in blending, capturing the essence of the estate and the Sta. Rita Hills

### Competitive Set:

- Belle Glos
- Domaine Drouhin
- Flowers

