

## 2016 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills

The 2016 Sanford Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir is a blend of fruit from our two estate vineyards: the historic Sanford and Benedict Vineyard (49%) and La Rinconada (51%). Both of these stellar vineyards are in the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills appellation. A wide range of Pinot clones are planted on these sites, and our 2016 is a blend of 8 of these from different soil types. 2016 was the 5<sup>th</sup> year of severe drought, giving wines with softer acidity and fleshy palates.

<b>Appellation:</b>	Sta. Rita Hills
<b>Varietals:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Color:</b>	Bright ruby red
<b>Aroma:</b>	Bursting with black raspberry and orange peel, along with savory notes of lavender and white pepper
<b>Taste:</b>	The palate delivers dense dusty, berry flavors with balanced acid and tannin structure, which carries on with a long & lovely finish
<b>Aging:</b>	Aged in French Oak barrels (30% new) for 11 months where it gained concentration and picked up hints of cinnamon and clove

**Brix at Harvest:** 23.5

**pH:** 3.63

**TA:** 6.0 g/L

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Bottling Date:** August, 2017

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Case: 6 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
- Patz & Hall
- Flowers

