

# Racines

## 2018 LA RINCONADA PINOT NOIR



Racines is a collaboration by Etienne de Montille and Brian Sieve of Burgundy, Rodolphe Peters of Champagne, and Justin Willett of Santa Barbara. The team came together to join their individual experiences in hand-crafting wines of purity and transparency to create a range of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the cool climate of the Sta. Rita Hills in California.

### VINEYARD SOURCE

From the upper plantings at the La Rinconada Vineyard, neighboring the famous Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, consisting of deep, dark, rocky soils. This is a selection of Mt. Eden cuttings that Richard Sanford brought down from Northern California years ago.

### PRODUCTION

In the cellar, two thirds whole cluster is retained and fermented similarly to the Sta. Rita Hills cuvée, then put to forty percent new barrels for 18 months before bottling.

### TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

*Variety*

Pinot Noir

*Alcohol*

12.7%

*Fermentation*

Native

*Soil Type*

Santa Lucia shaly clay loam

*Elevage*

18 months in 30% new French oak

*Cases Produced*

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