

Racines

2020 SANFORD & BENEDICT VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Racines is a collaboration by two classic houses from France, led by Etienne de Montille and Brian Sieve of Burgundy and Rodolphe Peters of Champagne. 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.



VINEYARDS

A combination of three parcels throughout the famous Sanford & Benedict vineyard. Two of the plantings, from the 70s and 80s are responsible for the dark, deep core of this wine. The third piece, Block 13, own-rooted plantings from 1971, brings the elegance and floral lift.

PRODUCTION

In the cellar, over two thirds whole cluster is retained and fermented with a combination of foulage and pigeage before being put to 228L barriques, with thirty percent new barrels, for 19 months before bottling.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Elevage

19 months - 30% new French oak

Alcohol

13.3%

Soil Type

Botella clay loam full of chert & shale