



## 2019 STA. RITA HILLS 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.

### VINEYARD SOURCE

From vineyards that lie on the Santa Rosa Road corridor of the Santa Rita Hills and farmed using organic practices. These sites consist of varying soil types from sandy loam, clay loam, chert, shale. This is a wine that we believe best represents the potential of the region as a whole. Vineyards: La Mesa Vineyard, La Encantada Vineyard, La Rinconada Vineyard & Sanford & Benedict Vineyard.

### PRODUCTION

On average, 50% whole cluster is retained during fermentation using native yeast. We manage fermentation with a combination of foulage and pigeage for about three weeks before being put to 228L barriques for élevage.

### TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

*Alcohol*  
12.8%

*Elevage*  
17 months - 15% new French oak

*Soil Type*  
Gazos clay loam over shale

*Cases Produced*  
3,152

*The 2019 Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills is an attractive, ethereal wine. Sweet dried cherry, mint, tobacco and sage are some of the aromas and flavors that open in the glass. I would give this a few years in bottle to soften. This is an especially savory style of Pinot with plenty of aromatic presence, and the fruit pushed into the background.*

90 POINTS - ANTONIO GALLONI, VINOUS