



2007 Siduri Santa Rita Hills Pinot Noir

As is always the case, our Santa Rita Hills Pinot Noir is a blend of Clos Pepe and Cargasacchi Vineyards. Certainly, the blend changes from vintage to vintage, in 2007 it is a blend of 71% Clos Pepe and 29% Cargasacchi fruit, but each year the point is largely the same....create a lush, more immediate wine that still represents the Sta. Rita Hills Appellation. In 2007 that process was made much easier by what is undeniably an outstanding Pinot Noir vintage in the region.

One of the winemaking details that has evolved over the vintages as we gain more experience with Sta. Rita Hills fruit is our use of whole clusters in the fermentation. Whole cluster Pinot Noir fermentation possesses many positive attributes including increased complexity and, in the case of SRH Pinots, a slight decrease in what can be excessive levels of acidity. But whole clusters can also increase tannins and some Sta. Rita Pinots have substantial tannins already. Thus we have been very cautious in increasing the whole clusters in these wines doing so only when the vintage and the vineyard allow for it.

With the 2007 Sta. Rita Pinot we used about 1/3 whole cluster in the Clos Pepe component but only 20% in the Cargasacchi wine. We believe that these quantities gave us the complexity that we desired without undue tannins.

The 2007 Siduri Sta. Rita Hills shows wonderful notes of rose petal, lilac, blackberry, and raspberry on the nose. The mouth is full, rich, and seamless, exhibiting a wonderful velvet-like texture and concentrated fruit flavors joined by vanilla and hints of dried herbs. The finish is persistent, dancing on a balance beam of fine tannins and acidity. We have no doubts that this wine will age well but it is so compelling now that we can't keep our hands off of it.

90 points– *Wine Spectator*

511 cases produced

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