



*Siduri, named for the Babylonian goddess of wine, specializes in cool-climate Pinot Noir from growing regions across California and Oregon. Winemaker Adam Lee's constant pursuit of Pinot perfection has led to long-standing relationships with top growers in premier appellations from Oregon's Willamette Valley to California's Santa Barbara County.*



## 2018 PINOT NOIR STA. RITA HILLS

The Sta. Rita Hills AVA is located in Santa Barbara County between the towns of Lompoc and Buellton. It is the only East-West Valley on the north coast of North America. This unusual geography funnels the wind and fog in directly from the Pacific Ocean to the vines and makes this one of our coolest grape growing regions. The soils in our Sta. Rita Hills vineyards are also unique as they possess an extremely high amount of calcium. This combination of unique geography and soils yield smaller berries which leads to our most concentrated, structured, and dark colored Pinot Noirs.

**VINEYARDS:** Close Pepe, John Sebastiano, La Encantada

**AROMATICS:** Raspberry, strawberry, rose petal and pine resin

**PALATE:** Boysenberry, black cherry, nutmeg and star anise. Pop of fruit on the entry is lengthened by delicate tannic grip and freshened by pleasant acidity.

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% | **TA:** .57 | **PH:** 3.52

**AGING:** 30% new French oak for 10 months

**CLONES:** 115, 667, 777, 828 and Pommard

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 growing season stood in stark contrast to the challenges and extremes of 2017. After experiencing a string of drought-affected vintages and earlier picking times, 2018 provided a well-deserved breath of fresh air for grape growers and winemakers. Temperatures in the Sta. Rita Hills routinely peaked in the 70's throughout the summer months, with only a handful of days climbing over 80 degrees in June and July. The mild summer led to mild and dry fall weather without any major heat events, which allowed fruit to ripen evenly on the vine. These factors contributed to a later start to harvest than previous vintages. The mild weather and lack of fall rain produced rich, opulent wines with intense color and aromatics.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2018 Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir was sourced from our most esteemed vineyards in the AVA – Clos Pepe, John Sebastiano and La Encantada. These three vineyards blended seamlessly to offer flavors of the full spectrum of red, blue and black fruits. Additionally, the finely tannic structure of the wine weaved the flavors together against a backdrop of fresh acidity that made this wine one of our favorites of the 2018 vintage. Several whole-cluster fermentations (25%) added a pleasant earthiness to the wine, lending lift to the aromatics and a pleasant grip on the finish. This wine is sure to be a crowd pleaser and is a celebration of the beautiful 2018 vintage in the Sta. Rita Hills.