



STA. RITA HILLS PINOT NOIR

The Sta. Rita Hills are 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 wine 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 vineyards are also unique as they possess an extremely high amount of calcium. This combination of unique geography and soils yields smaller berries which leads to our most concentrated, structured, and dark colored Pinot Noirs.

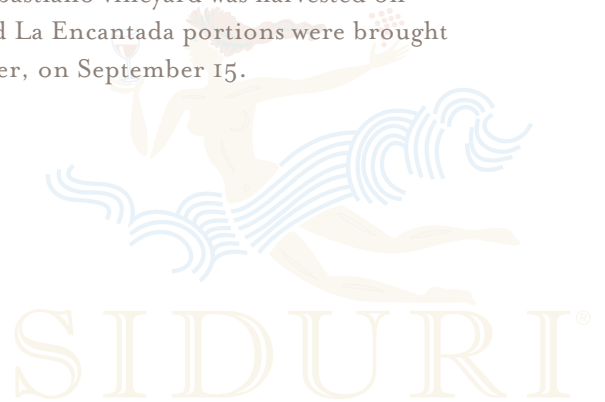
2017 VINTAGE

In Santa Barbara County, during the growing season there was minimal frost risk; however, wind, rain and cooler temperatures during vines' bloom time led to shatter, which resulted in smaller and fewer clusters per grape vine. Right around Labor Day weekend, daytime temperatures soared above 100 degrees across the Santa Ynez Valley and westward to the cooler-climate Sta. Rita Hills and Lompoc. This heat spike continued for days, with the most concerning part being the lack of a diurnal shift – typically the day will see hot temperatures and it will cool down at night. In 2017, most of Santa Barbara County saw 85 degree days and nights, which caused the sugar to rapidly accumulate in the berries and the natural acidity to drop fast. Due to the shatter mentioned above, we saw lower yields coming out of this region in 2017.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Aromas of sweet spices such as nutmeg and cinnamon, along with fresh boysenberry, cherry compote, dried bay leaf, blueberry preserves, black fig and candied ginger on the nose. A surging acidity comes to the front of the palate, with a medium body consisting of well-integrated, smooth tannin. Sourced from our Siduri vineyard designate sites of Clos Pepe, La Encantada, and John Sebastiano, all located in Sta. Rita Hills, this Pinot Noir was aged for 9 months in 50% new French oak, and has roughly 30% whole cluster inclusion. The John Sebastiano vineyard was harvested on September 6, while the Clos Pepe and La Encantada portions were brought into the winery a little over a week later, on September 15.

Alcohol: 14.5%
TA: .62
pH: 3.45



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