

KOSTA BROWNE APPELLATION SERIES

2020 Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir

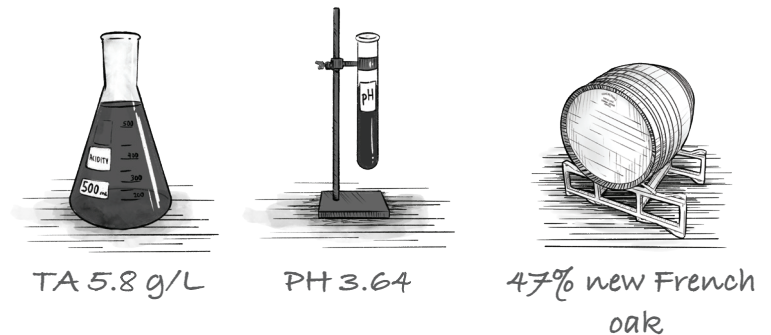
One of the World's Best Cool-Climate Growing Regions

Celebrating the cool-climate character and complexity of California's most revered winegrowing regions, our Appellation Series wines are a study in terroir with soulful elegance and energetic intensity.

A microclimate that began 20 million years ago is nothing short of a miracle. Over the years, tectonic plate movements caused mountains to rise out of the ocean, break off the plate, and rotate clockwise, creating one of the most defined, transverse ranges on the Pacific Coast. This distinctive feature of the purely East/West maritime mouth funnels cooling coastal fog and wind to the vines. Sta. Rita Hills is one of the world's best cool-climate growing regions of Pinot Noir.

The 2020 Sta. Rita Hills harvest began two weeks earlier due to several heat spikes throughout the summer and extended an additional five weeks due to slow ripening conditions which led to high quality and character development of the grapes. Bursting with vibrant red fruit, baking spice, and an earthy core, this fascinatingly layered wine is delightfully unique.

Fact of Note: Larger yields enabled higher utilization of concrete and wood fermentation vessels.



VINEYARD DETAILS

VINEYARD Drum Canyon, Sanford & Benedict, Our Lady of Guadalupe (formerly Bloodlines), Bentrack, Radian, Francesca, Hilliard Bruce, Rita's Crown, Mt. Carmel

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TRELLISING VSP

SOIL Silica (D.E marine-based soil)

TECHNICAL DETAILS

FERMENTATION 62% stainless steel, 20% concrete, 18% wood, 3% whole cluster

ÉLEVAGE 47% new French oak for 15 months, 6% new Austrian oak for 15 months, 4% wood cask for 14 months

ALCOHOL 14.1%

pH 3.64

TA 5.8 g/L

TASTING NOTES

NOSE An explosion of red fruit with an understated yet elegant savory quality. Nostalgic notes of cinnamon stick and clove mesmerize.

MOUTH Deeply rich with an earthy core and copious amounts of fruit. Refreshingly light on the palate with well-integrated tannins and unique flair.