

KOSTA BROWNE SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES

# 2020 Rita's Crown Pinot Noir

## Soaring Elevations and Distinctive Aromatics

Among Pinot aficionados, Rita's Crown is quickly gaining acclaim as one of the most impressive vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills. Planted in 2007 and observed as the highest vineyard site of the appellation, Rita's Crown is predominantly south-facing and boasts intensely high elevation and slope, allowing the vines to receive a tremendous amount of sunshine and coastal wind. Additionally, the steep, hillside vineyard was planted using high-density spacing and is organically farmed. This, combined with the region's typical diatomaceous earth, adds distinct intensity to the fruit.

The Rita's Crown Pinot Noir is a beautifully dark and alluring wine that draws you in with aromas of brandied Morello cherry and wildflowers. On the palate, supple, fine-grained tannins and zesty acidity add poise and purity to the ripe red and black fruit, with tantalizing hints of violet, adding to a long, mesmerizing finish

Fact of Note: The majority of this blend is from the 828 clone.



30% concrete  
fermentation



41% new French  
oak



pH 3.42

### VINEYARD DETAILS

**VINEYARD** Rita's Crown, Sta. Rita Hills AVA

**CLONES** 828, 667

**ORIENTATION** North / East

**TRELLISING** VSP

**SOIL** Sandy/clay loams and diatomaceous earth

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**FERMENTATION** 70% wood, 30% concrete

**ÉLEVAGE** 41% new French oak for 16 months, 20% wood cask for 16 months, 10% new Austrian oak for 16 months, prior to bottling aged 100% stainless steel for one month

**ALCOHOL** 13.5%

**pH** 3.42

**TA** 6.19 g/L

### TASTING NOTES

**NOSE** Cherry and floral notes open to stunning red and black fruit with hints of pluot, black currant, and baking spices.

**MOUTH** Deeply dark and alluring with elongated fine-grained tannins. Tantalizing violet notes deliver an extraordinarily long and worthwhile finish.