

KOSTA BROWNE SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES

2021 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: This wine was racked and aged in a wood cask for four months prior to bottling.



50% new French oak



36% concrete



64% wood

VINEYARD DETAILS

VINEYARD Rita's Crown, Sta. Rita Hills AVA

CLONES 667, 828

ORIENTATION North / East

TRELLISING VSP

SOIL Shedd silty clay loam, diatomaceous earth

TECHNICAL DETAILS

FERMENTATION 64% wood, 36% concrete, 8% whole cluster

ÉLEVAGE 50% new French oak for 13 months, 100% wood cask for 4 months

ALCOHOL 13.5%

pH 3.48

TA 5.66 g/L

TASTING NOTES

NOSE Refined bouquet of pomegranate, intriguing minerality, and a subtle hint of vanilla are unveiled in layers.

MOUTH Utterly seamless with raspberry and blueberry fruit flavors, complemented by alluring dark spices. Harmonious with a lasting finish.