

KOSTA BROWNE

2023

STA RITA HILLS PINOT NOIR

ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST COOL-CLIMATE GROWING REGIONS

Our Appellation Series wines embody our relentless pursuit of crafting wines that reflect the land that defines them. The Sta. Rita Hills AVA, shaped by tectonic movement over 20 million years, is a marvel of nature. Mountains rose from the sea and rotated to form the transverse ranges along the Pacific Coast, creating one of the most distinctive cool-climate winegrowing regions in the world. The result is a microclimate influenced by cool coastal fog and steady ocean winds, offering an ideal environment for Pinot Noir to develop vibrancy and complexity.

Sourced from exceptional vineyards throughout the region, the 2023 Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir offers a vibrant bouquet of strawberry, raspberry, and cherry, unfolding with violet, eucalyptus, and a hint of baking spice. The palate echoes with bright red and dark berries, seamlessly layered with cinnamon, allspice, and earthy undertones. Aged for 16 months in a mix of French oak and foudre, followed by time in stainless steel, the wine's structure is polished and refined, allowing the expressive fruit and nuanced spice to unfold with precision. Balanced acidity and polished tannins carry through to a lingering, elegant finish.

FACT OF NOTE

24% of the Sta. Rita Hills blend was aged in a Rousseau wooden cask.

TASTING NOTES

AROMA Expressive strawberry, raspberry, and cherry intertwine with violet and a hint of eucalyptus, with subtle notes of vanilla and baking spice.

PALATE Bing cherry, wild raspberry, and boysenberry shine with bright acidity, seamlessly layered with cinnamon and allspice. Earthy undertones of leather and bramble add depth, leading to a structured, lingering finish.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

FERMENTATION 50% stainless steel, 25% concrete, 25% oak; 10% whole cluster

ÉLEVAGE 40% new French oak & 60% neutral oak for 16 months, 24% foudre for 16 months, then 100% of the blend was aged in stainless steel for 1 month.

ALCOHOL 14.2% **pH** 3.62 **TA** 5.62 g/L

VINEYARD DETAILS

VINEYARD Mt. Carmel, Rita's Crown, Radian, Sanford & Bennedict, Drum Canyon, Peake Ranch, La Encantada

CLONES 115, 828, 27B, 667, 777

SOIL Silica (D.E. marine-based)



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