

KOSTA BROWNE 2023 RITA'S CROWN PINOT NOIR

SOARING ELEVATIONS AND DISTINCTIVE AROMATICS

Among Pinot aficionados, Rita's Crown is one of the most impressive vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills. Planted in 2007 and recognized 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 2023 Rita's Crown Pinot Noir reveals a refined bouquet of black raspberry and ripe cranberry layered with intriguing mineral nuances and a subtle hint of watermelon. Seamless and poised, with dark fruit framed by alluring dark spice, this wine finishes harmoniously and long, with polished structure.

TASTING NOTES

AROMA A refined bouquet of black cherry and ripe cranberry unfolds in layers, lifted by intriguing mineral nuances and a subtle hint of vanilla.

PALATE Seamless and poised, with dark fruit framed by alluring dark spice, this wine finishes harmoniously and long, with polished structure.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

FERMENTATION 46% Concrete Tank Ferment, 54% Oak Tank Ferment

ÉLEVAGE 39% new French oak for 17 months, then 100% of the blend was aged for 1 month in stainless steel.

ALCOHOL 13.8% **pH** 3.58 **TA** 5.3 g/L

VINEYARD DETAILS

VINEYARD Rita's Crown, Sta. Rita Hills AVA

CLONES 828, 667

SOIL Shedd silty clay loam, diatomaceous earth

