Racines

2023 STA. RITA HILLS PINOT NOIR

Racines is a collaboration by two classic houses from France, led by Etienne de Montille and Brian Sieve of Burgundy and Rodolphe Peters of Champagne. The team came together to join their individual experiences in hand-crafting wines of purity and transparency to create a range of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the cool climate of the Sta. Rita Hills in California

VINEYARDS
This wine is sourced from several vineyards that lie on the Santa Rosa Road corridor of the Sta. Rita Hills. These sites consist of varying soil types from sandy loam, clay loam, chert and shale.
We believe that this cuvée best represents the potential of the region as a whole. Vineyards include: La Rinconada Vineyard, Rancho la Viña Vineyard, Wenzlau Family Vineyard, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard, as well as our estate vineyard, de Montille Estate.

SOIL
This cuvée shows a reflection of the region's complex geology—a harmonious composition of Elder clay loam, Botella and Santa Lucia shaly clay loams, fractured limestone, Tierra loam, and sandy clay over shale and sandstone. These soils, sculpted by ancient marine uplift and cooled by relentless Pacific winds, guide the vines toward natural restraint and balance. The resulting wine reveals fine, precise tannins, floral elegance, and a core of mineral-driven power, capturing both the quiet strength and the refined beauty that define the Sta. Rita Hills.

PRODUCTION
Approximately 40% whole cluster is retained during fermentation using all native yeast. We manage fermentation with a combination of foulage and pigeage for about three weeks before being put to 228L barriques for elevage.

ELEVAGE
17 months - 15% new French oak

CASES PRODUCED
1,165

ALCOHOL
13%

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