

2016 STA. RITA HILLS PINOT NOIR

Retail Price: \$40.00 Alcohol %: 14.1 Varietal: Pinot Noir

Region: Santa Barbara County **Appellation**: Santa Rita Hills

Vineyard: Peake Ranch & John Sebastiano

Clones: 667, 115, Hyde, Swan

pH: 3.68

Malo: Malolactic Fermenation

Oak Regime: 100 % French Oak 36% New

Tasting Notes: A compelling example of what can be achieved with Pinot Noir from Santa Rita Hills, this wine captures the natural balance and complexity of this special appellation. The aromas blend bright cherries and blueberries with a subtle and distinguished earthiness expressed as dried oregano, white pepper and black tea. An engaging, seductive texture is supported with a backbone of French oak

and finely-grained tannins.



93 points Jeb Dunnuck:

"There are three Pinot Noirs from Peake Ranch, all brilliant wines. Black cherries, black raspberries, smoked herbs, and hints of licorice define the bouquet of the 2016 Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills, which is the entry level Pinot Noir of this estate. It's a rich, concentrated, powerful Pinot Noir that has moderate tannins, good acidity, and beautiful upfront charm. Aged 18 months in 62% new French oak, drink it any time over the coming 6-7 years."

89 points Antonio Galloni:

"The 2016 Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) is soft, fruity and delicious, all of which make it an excellent choice for near and medium-term drinking. Red berry fruit and floral notes are nicely pushed forward. This is a relatively laid back style for the Sta. Rita Hills, where the Pinots often lean towards exuberance."