

2017 STA. RITA HILLS PINOT NOIR

Retail Price: \$40.00 **Alcohol** %: 14 Varietal: Pinot Noir **Region**: Santa Barbara County **Appellation**: Santa Rita Hills Vineyard: Peake Ranch & John Sebastiano Clones: 667, 115, Hyde, Swan **pH**: 3.8 Malo: 100% Malolactic Fermenation Oak Regime: 100 % French Oak 50% 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:

"Black cherries, ground herbs, forest floor, and hints of candied violets all emerge from this medium to full-bodied, supple, nicely textured, balanced effort. It's drinking nicely today yet should improve with a year in bottle and keep for 5-7 years. -Jeb Dunnuck

90 points Vinous:

"The 2017 Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) is supple, inviting and loaded with sheer appeal. Succulent red cherry, plum, spice and new leather are all laced together in a beautifully perfumed, super-expressive appellation-level Pinot. Soft contours, silky tannins and floral aromatics all add to the wine's allure."

-Antonio Galloni