



**2017 Pinot Noir
Rio Vista Vineyard Clone 2A
Sta. Rita Hills AVA**

The Rio Vista Vineyard, appropriately named as it overlooks the Santa Ynez River, is the eastern gateway to the Sta. Rita Hills appellation. Although it's slightly warmer during the growing season than vineyards further to the west, Rio Vista is also tempered by the marine environment of the nearby Pacific Ocean. Rio Vista Clone 2A grapes were added to the Flying Goat portfolio in 2004, and the first 2A "clonal" bottling debuted the following year. Clone 2A is one of the Wadenswil selection, a group of Pinot Noir clones imported from Switzerland in the 1950's. Many like to use it as a "blender" as it tends to add red fruit, spice and nuances like violets and blueberries to a wine, without affecting density or tannin structure. With the cool climate of the Sta. Rita Hills, we believe that 2A can easily stand on its own! The grapes were hand harvested and delivered early in the day while still cool and firm. Gently de-stemmed and placed into small open top bins, the grapes were made into wine and then placed into French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

Enjoy black and blue fruit with a hint of dark spice and smoked meat on the nose. You may find this full bodied wine with rich tannins and lots of fruit also expresses a bit of licorice on the palate. Pair with smoked gouda, lamb stew, beef ribs, bouillabaisse or chocolate covered bacon. This vintage of 2A is bigger than previous vintages and is definitely age worthy. We've been told "A-Rod" worthy too!

Details

Harvested:	September 4, 2017	Alcohol:	14.8% by Volume
Bottled:	March 26, 2019	pH:	3.78
Released:	February 8, 2020	TA:	.63 g/100ml
Clone:	2A	Brix:	25.4%
Production:	153 cases	Retail Price:	\$46