



**2018 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

The medium to light garnet color is a prelude to the rich aromas that grace this race ready wine. Hints of dried jerky with leather, toasty oak and brown spice, reveal the 2A clone with more masculine characteristics than previous vintages. This rich wine shows raspberry and cranberry flavors that are well integrated with the subtle tannins. Pair with grilled goose or quail, or the Monday night burger. La Botte's lobster ravioli with cream sauce is another favorite.

Details

Harvested:	September 26, 2018	Alcohol:	14.7% by Volume
Bottled:	June 1, 2020	pH:	3.75
Released:	February 14, 2021	TA:	.58 g/100ml
Clone:	Pinot Noir 2A	Brix:	24.3%
Production:	127 cases	Retail Price:	\$46