



2019 Pinot Noir Cooper's Cuvée Sta. Rita Hills AVA

This exclusive release is a special tribute to our pooch, Cooper, for his 10th birthday. Our adorable chocolate lab mix was initially called the “Pinot Puppy”, when a photo of him playing with Pinot grapes in the vineyard circulated in the media. He matured into everyone’s favorite tasting room greeter. After his first decade, he is still going strong and delights all with his playful spirit.

Three different blocks and three different clones comprise Rio Vista Vineyard. This meticulously farmed vineyard sweeps down the hillside on the southeastern edge of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA, overlooking the Santa Ynez River – hence its name, “River View”. The grapes for Cooper’s Cuvée are Clone 667.

Tasting Notes

This is a real “pupster” pleaser! Cooper loves the nose of this tasty wine, featuring brown spice and leather, stewed sour cherry, cranberry and red plum. The medium garnet color lures you in to enjoy the red currant flavors on the palate, bringing to mind lingonberry jam on buttered brioche. This wine is dark and stormy with Burgundian undertones. Pair with pork roast and cherry reduction sauce, mac 'n cheese with smoked gouda or smoked duck. For the sweet pairing, try Espresso Pots de Crème. Ageability of the wine is easily 5-10 years from date of release. P.S. Cooper prefers it with his Kirkland chicken meal & rice biscuits.

Details

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| Harvested: | September 6, 2019 | Alcohol: | 13.9% by Volume |
| Bottled: | September 24, 2021 | pH: | 3.71 |
| Released: | September 9, 2023 | TA: | .71g/100mL |
| Clone: | 667 | Brix: | 23.9% |
| Production: | 51 cases | Retail Price: | \$58 |