



RUSACK

2014 MT. CARMEL PINOT NOIR STA. RITA HILLS



The grapes for this bottling of Pinot Noir hail from Mt Carmel Vineyard on the western edge of the Sta. Rita Hills appellation. Upon delivery to the winery, the grapes were gently de-stemmed, then cold soaked before the onset of fermentation. The fermenting must was then punched down by hand twice each day. The new wine was then aged in a mixture of new and older French oak barrels for 11 months prior to being bottled without filtration. Only 578 cases were produced.

Santa Rita Hills (Sta. Rita Hills AVA) has quickly become an up and coming location for Pinot Noir vineyards. Our Mt Carmel Vineyard Pinot Noir is a classic example of the ultra-premium quality that this area can produce. The bouquet opens with seductive aromas of ruby red grapefruit, Rainier cherry, vanilla and hints of chaparral, while silky tannins and an elegant finish follow through on the palate.

Optimum Storage Conditions: Constant temperature, 55-58° f, darkness

Aging Potential: To enjoy young fruit aromas, consume within 1-2 years of bottling date. For extended aging under ideal conditions, consume within 2-5 years of bottling date.

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Grower/Ranch: Mount Carmel (100%)

Produced & Bottled By: Rusack Vineyards, Solvang Ca

Bottling Date: August 30th 2015

Cases Produced: 289 six pack cases

Release Date: 2016

Fermentation: Fermented in 1 ton bins

Aging: 100% French oak, 50% new, Aged for 11 months, Unfiltered

Bottle analysis: 13.8%, pH: 3.44, ta: 0.688 g/100ml