



RUSACK

2014 PINOT NOIR, STA. RITA HILLS RESERVE



Santa Rita Hills (Sta. Rita Hills AVA) has quickly become a Santa Barbara County favorite location for Pinot Noir vineyards. Our Pinot Noir is a classic example of the ultra-premium quality that this area can produce. The wine has seductive aroma qualities of bright red cherries, red raspberries and cola. The flavors of black cherry and cinnamon, combined with velvety tannins, complete this elegant offering.

The grapes for our bottling of Pinot Noir hail from Fiddlestix Vineyard on the western edge and John Sebastiano on the northern edge of the appellation. Upon delivery to the winery, the grapes were gently destemmed, then cold soaked before the onset of fermentation. The fermenting “must” was punched down by hand twice each day. The new wine was then aged in a mixture of new (55%) and older French oak barrels for 11 months prior to being bottled without filtration. 450 cases of the Pinot Noir, Sta. Rita Hills were produced.

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: John Sebastiano (77%), Solomon Hills (23%)

Produced & Bottled By: Rusack Vineyards, Solvang Ca

Bottling Date: August 30th 2015

Cases Produced: 1066 six pack cases

Release Date: 2016

Fermentation: Fermented in 1 ton bins

Aging: 100% French oak, 55% new, Aged for 11 months, Unfiltered

Bottle analysis: Alcohol 13.7%, pH 3.41, ta 0.668g/100ml