



RUSACK

## 2017 MT. CARMEL PINOT NOIR

STA. RITA HILLS



VINTAGE: 2017

VARIETAL: 100% PINOT NOIR

AVA: STA. RITA HILLS

GROWER/RANCH: 100% MT. CARMEL VINEYARD

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY: RUSACK VINEYARDS, SOLVANG, CA

BOTTLING DATE: FEBRUARY 2019

CASES PRODUCED: 95 CASES

RETAIL PRICE: \$65.00

RELEASE DATE:

FERMENTATION: TEN DAY FERMENTATION FOLLOWED BY A 20 DAY EXTENDED MACERATION IN 1 TON OPEN BINS WITH REGULAR HAND PUNCH DOWNS

AGING: 16 MONTHS

100% FRENCH OAK (60% NEW)

BOTTLE ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL: 13.3%

pH: 3.74

TA: 0.558g/100ml

TASTING NOTES: IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME STA. RITA HILLS AVA HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A WORLD CLASS GROWING REGION FOR BURGUNDIAN VARIETALS. WE BELIEVE THIS PINOT PROVES THAT THE MT. CARMEL VINEYARD STANDS OUT AS ONE OF THE BEST BURGUNDY TERROIRS IN THE WORLD. DISTINCTIVE, BALANCED, AND COOL CLIMATE DRIVEN, THIS WINE'S 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.

*The grapes for this bottling of Pinot Noir hail from the Mt. Carmel Vineyard, which is located in the very center of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. Harvested in the early morning, the fruit was quickly delivered to our nearby winery. Immediately upon arrival, the clusters were gently de-stemmed, placed into one ton bins, and cold soaked for 24 hours. Following this, the must underwent a ten day fermentation, with regular hand punch downs, then an extended 20 day maceration before being lightly pressed off. The resulting wine was aged in both new and older French oak barrels for 16 months and then bottled unfiltered.*

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