



RUSACK

## 2018 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

STA. RITA HILLS



VINTAGE: 2018

VARIETAL: 100% PINOT NOIR

AVA: STA. RITA HILLS

GROWER/RANCH: 70% JOHN SEBASTIANO, 30% FIDDLESTIX

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY: RUSACK VINEYARDS, SOLVANG, CA

BOTTLING DATE: AUGUST 2019

CASES PRODUCED: 250 CASES

RETAIL PRICE: \$40.00

RELEASE DATE: WINTER 2022

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

AGING: 11 MONTHS

100% FRENCH OAK (50% NEW)

BOTTLE ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL: 13.7%

pH: 3.72

TA: 0.544g/100ml

TASTING NOTES: SHOWCASING CLASSIC STA. RITA HILLS CHARACTERISTICS, OUR RESERVE PINOT NOIR IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE OUTSTANDING TERROIR-DRIVEN WINES THAT THIS AREA CAN PRODUCE. ENTICING AROMAS OF BRIGHT RED CHERRIES, RED RASPBERRIES AND COLA JUMP FROM THE GLASS WHILE, ON THE PALATE, FLAVORS OF BLACK CHERRY AND CINNAMON BLEND WITH VELVETY TANNINS FOR AN ELEGANT, SILKY MOUTH FEEL.

*The grapes for this wine come from two wonderful Sta. Rita Hills vineyards: Fiddlestix, located on the western edge, and John Sebastiano on the northern edge of this incredible Burgundian AVA. After a pre-dawn harvest, the fruit was promptly delivered to our winery and, while still cool from the night air, the grapes were gently de-stemmed, cold soaked for 24 hours and fermentation started. For the following ten days of maceration, the must's cap was punched down by hand at least twice each day. The resulting wine was transferred into a mixture of new and older French oak barrels, and aged for 11 months prior to being bottled, unfiltered.*

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