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The Estate wines are defined by the fruit and flavors of our little southwestern corner of the Sta. Rita Hills. They speak of the nuances and complexities of our properties as a whole. These wines take into account the many aspects, clones, soil types and other properties of our estate. They give us the maximum amount of blending components and, represent the most complete wines in our portfolio.

Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:

Just beginning to show its true colors. This one is very special. Classic Estate nose of black fruit, red cherry and tobacco. Bigger and broader and more generous than previous vintages due to naturally low yields, a perfectly warm vintage and increased concentration from fifteen-year-old vines. Supple and soft. Nothing out of place in this wine. It highlights the diatom structure with fine grain grit and forgiving, but long-lasting tannins. Almost decadent fruit, but it is held in check by earthy notes of porcini and dried herbs. Savory and refreshing. Dark and brooding, but absolutely buoyed by acidity and fresh verve. Sophisticated, sensual, complex and utterly delicious. A pinot noir that checks all of the boxes. Long race on the finish between silky dark fruit and a delicate dusting of tannin. Everything I could hope for in a glass.

Estate Pinot Noir

CASES: 5,650
APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills
ALCOHOL: 14.1%
VINEYARDS: Radian Vineyard (cl. misc.),
Bentrock Vineyard (cl. misc.)
BARREL REGIME: 20% new French oak,
80% neutral French oak,
11 months

93 Points

Vinous 7/24

93 Points

Jeb Dunnuck 8/24

94 Points

James Suckling 10/24

