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Our estate single-vineyard Bentrack, Radian and Puerta del Mar wines are incredibly specific. They magnify singular flavors that exist on each particular site and are focused on a particular plot of soil. These wines zoom in on one specific set of parameters. They are ultimate wines of terroir.

Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:

A brooding and fruit forward version of Bentrack with blackberry and black cherry and creme de cassis. Leads with an attack of luxardo cherry with cedar, menthol and a hint of black plum skin. Explosive burst of pure mulberry followed by classic notes of blood orange. Expansive and surprisingly elegant. Long note of English Breakfast tea. A very powerful example from this site. Showcasing the warmth from early October with its powerful yet polished depth of dark fruit. Characteristic Bentrack finish with fine grained tannins that will gracefully reward time in the cellar. Perfect ratio of fruit to freshness to structural integrity. Nothing is out of place here.

Bentrack Vineyard Pinot Noir

CASES: 374
 APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills
 VINE AGE: 16 years
 ALCOHOL: 14.1%
 BLOCKS: Lieu Dits- 75% Morning Sun (cl. Calera), 25% Sheltered Corner (cl. 667)
 BARREL REGIME: 70% neutral French oak barrels and 30% new French oak barrels for 12 months. Bottled early to capture energy.

94+ Points Antonio Galloni
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96 Points Jeb Dunnuck
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97 Points Johnathan Cristaldi
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