

MAIL ROAD



STA. RITA HILLS PINOT NOIR VINTAGE 2020

100% Pinot Noir
Sta. Rita Hills

55% pinot noir (cl. 828)
30% pinot noir (cl. Mt. Carmel)
9% pinot noir (cl. Pommard)
6% pinot noir (cl. Swan)

Harvest: September 1 - 21, 2020
5% whole cluster
9% saignee
12 - 14 day fermentation
Gentle extraction - tiny berries
12 mos. in neutral French oak barrels

Bottled: September 21, 2021
Alcohol: 14.4%
SRP: \$62.50

Winemaker: Matt Dees

TASTING NOTES: "...effusively aromatic. A glass of fresh red raspberries. Lifted mint, sage, black pepper and dried strawberry. Pure and seamless on the palate. Generous and supple with long, lingering black cherry and dark plum. Savory notes and ultra fine structure on the finish. Buoyed by classic Mt Carmel freshness."

Rating: 93 pts. Vinous Press

"a rich, bombastic wine. A rush of dark cherry/plum fruit, mocha, licorice, scorched earth, chocolate and game all race across the palate. There is a bit of wildness in the 2020 that lends exoticism. This is a very good example of a wine from a warm vintage in a south-facing site. It's certainly not a shy wine, let's leave it at that.

Matt Dees, Winemaker



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