

2013 Pinot Noir Bentrock Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills

Grown on a steep slope on the western edge of the Sta. Rita Hills, this Bentrock Vineyard Pinot Noir shows off both the beautiful fruit side of Pinot Noir but also the earthy, crushed rock minerality side that can be present in wines grown in special places. This wine has great Pinot Noir varietal character but it is its lean structure and earthy qualities, that really didn't become apparent until the wine had fully developed in barrel, that make it really special. There is also, at its core, a minerality that is unmistakable. All of which make perfect sense if you go out to Bentrock and feel the tension between the sun and the slopes and the soil and the wind. It's all there...and it's all in the bottle.

Tasting Note: Sweet floral fruit aromas mix with an earthy crushed stone quality and a bit of that Sta. Rita Hills spice to form a wonderfully complex nose. On the pallet black cherry and pomegranate flavors along with crisp acidity and a hint of salinity from the stems keep the wine lively and full of energy.

Only 85 cases produced 100% Bentrock clones 667 and 777 1/3 Whole cluster fermentation 13.7% alcohol pH 3.71 TA 0.62g/100ml Retail Price: \$52.00