

## 2015 Pinot Noir Bentrock Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills

From the challenging 2015 vintage we again selected our Bentrock Pinot Noir as one of the components of our flagship wine, "Walk Slow." We did however, set aside 2 older, neutral barrels in order to make this single vineyard bottling. Grown on a steep, rocky slope on the western edge of the Sta. Rita Hills, this Bentrock Vineyard Pinot Noir exhibits the earthy, crushed stone minerality that we look for in great Pinot Noir. A wine that shows distinctive character based on where it's grown is always the goal, especially when it comes to Pinot. This wine was handled in the exact same way as the rest of our Pinot Noirs with a small number of whole clusters during fermentation and gentle daily punch downs. It stayed in barrel for 16 months before being bottled.

Tasting Note: Brilliant medium to dark ruby in color. The aroma of this wine is filled with spicy, floral notes and ripe red fruits. Year after year Bentrock maintains a crushed stone, earthy quality on the nose that is very much its specific vineyard expression. On the pallet, there is more of the floral dark berry flavor, tart black cherry flavors with crisp acidity which will keep this wine lively and full of energy for a long time to come.

Only 50 cases produced 100% Bentrock Vineyard, clone 828 20% Whole cluster fermentation 14.5% alcohol pH 3.59 TA 0.63g/100ml Retail Price: \$55.00