

Crawford Family Wines



2015 Pinot Noir Zotovitch Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills

I'm often asked if I have a plan before harvest about how I want to make each individual wine or if we decide, once the fruit has arrived, to go one way or another. For this wine, the plan was set before harvest started. Zotovich is a very flat, open vineyard that is planted in deep sandy loam soils. Wines from that type of environment often exhibit bright and well-delineated varietal character, and that's exactly what I had in mind for this wine. We picked it early (at least compared to our other sources), and it was completely de-stemmed prior to fermentation. The goal was complete transparency. There is nothing to get in the way of that beautiful Pinot Noir fruit quality. To that end, the wine was aged in completely neutral oak barrels so there was no aroma or flavor imparted by the wood. The result is a light, soft and elegant Pinot Noir that shows off the terrific farming the Zotovich family is doing. This is the perfect Pinot Noir to enjoy during the Springtime!

Tasting Note: Light, ruby color in the glass. This wine is soft and bright with fresh raspberry and cranberry fruit on the nose along with the tell-tale Santa Rita cola spice character. Light to medium in body with modest sweet fruit in the mid-palate this wine has terrific restraint and finesse. The wine finishes with well resolved, velvety tannin and fresh acidity.

Only 89 cases produced
100% clone 777
100% de-stemmed
13.5% alcohol
pH 3.63
TA 0.64g/100ml
Retail Price: \$40.00