

KOSTA BROWNE APPELLATION WINES

2018 STA. RITA HILLS, PINOT NOIR

One of the World's Best
Cool-Climate Growing Regions

VINEYARD DETAILS

Vineyard Sourced from a variety of special vineyards: Bentrock, Francesca's, Mt. Carmel, Radian, John Sebastiani, Hilliard Bruce

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Fermentation	63% stainless steel open tops / 17% concrete / 4% wood open tops / 10% whole cluster
Oak	17% new French oak for 14 months / 8% wood tank for 4 months / 2% new Austrian oak for 14 months
Alcohol	14.2%
pH	3.54
TA	5.70 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Bright fruits highlighted by fresh strawberry, red cherry, and cranberry, accentuated by fresh basil and a hint of pot de crème.

Mouth: Focused, linear entry, with a subtle yet excellent tension.

FACTS OF NOTE

VINEYARDS
Ripened & harvested west to east

CONCRETE
17% Fermented & aged in concrete

FERMENTATION
10% Whole cluster

With idyllic weather from start to finish, 2018 was one of the finest growing seasons of the past decade. Each wine within the Appellation Series embodies the unique qualities we cherish from the regions we work with.

A microclimate that began a mere 20 million years ago, is nothing short of a miracle. Tectonic plate movements over the years caused mountains to rise out of the ocean, break off the plate and rotate clockwise creating one of the most defined, transverse ranges on the Pacific Coast. Remnants of marine sediment deposited during the Miocene Epoch is the base of the soil found here with the added element of elevated calcium. But what makes this area truly unique is the purely East/West maritime mouth that funnels cooling coastal fog, and wind to the vines. One of the smaller AVAs in California, Sta. Rita Hills is one of the world's best cool-climate growing regions of Pinot Noir.

Sta. Rita Hill's 2018 growing season was long and provided ripe stems which allowed us to incorporate more whole cluster within our smaller lots. This technique provided structure and depth to the vibrant fruit profile. This wine is focused, with bright strawberry and cherry notes and a subtle, pleasing tension.

