

KOSTA BROWNE APPELLATION SERIES

2019 Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir

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

VINEYARD DETAILS

Vineyards	Bentrock, Radian, John Sebastiano, Hilliard Bruce, Rita's Crown, Mt. Carmel
Clones	667, 777, 115, 2A, Swan, 828, 23
Trellising	VSP
Soil	Silica (D.E. marine-based soil)

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Fermentation 100% stainless steel

Aging 44% new French oak for 13 months

Alcohol 14.1%

pH 3.67

TA 5.9 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Intense aromas of cranberry, pomegranate, and Rainer cherry. Underlying notes of cinnamon, lemon-thyme, and sarsaparilla.

Mouth: Powerful, with a rush of intense fruit, balanced by the complex texture. Polished, with well-integrated oak and a focused structure.

FACTS OF NOTE

OAK
44% new French oak

FERMENTATION
12% whole cluster

GROWING SEASON
Very windy year with a lot of fog

Celebrating the cool-climate character and complexity of California's most revered winegrowing regions, our 2019 Appellation Series wines showcase what can be achieved from iconic sites in an exceptional vintage. Intricately structured with soaring flavors, this is a vintage not to miss.

A microclimate that began a mere 20 million years ago is nothing short of a miracle. Tectonic plate movements 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, and remnants of marine sediment deposited during the Miocene Epoch is the soil base. But what makes this area truly unique is the purely East/West maritime mouth that funnels cooling coastal fog and wind to the vines. Sta. Rita Hills is one of the world's best cool-climate growing regions of Pinot Noir.

The 2019 season was windy, with heavy fog that didn't break for roughly two weeks, which aided in optimal phenolic development of the grapes. As captivating as it is delicious, this wine has a robust and dynamic cool-factor, with intense fruit and spice notes continuing throughout the palate, building to a complex and polished finish.

