

KOSTA BROWNE APPELLATION WINES

2017 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: La Encantada, John Sebastiano Vineyard, Bentrock, Radian, Francesca, Hilliard Bruce, and Mt. Carmel
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TECHNICAL DETAILS

Fermentation	71% Stainless steel open tops / 19% Wood open tops / 14% Whole cluster / 10% Concrete open tops
Oak	42% New French Oak for 15 months
Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.67
TA	5.66 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Soft and elegant with aromas of lifted red fruits; rhubarb and sour cherry. Notes of lemon zest and crème fraîche.

Mouth: Compelling and bright with high energy. Structured, layered tannins backed with slight minerality. Thoughtful, layered oak undertone.

FACTS OF NOTE

CELLAR
**Drink
in 2021**

CONCRETE
**10% fermented
& aged in
concrete**

FERMENTATION
**14% whole
cluster**

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 2017 growing season was spared from the unusually warm harvest season, but not from the hail, lightning and wind that abruptly swept through the region in mid-September. Luckily, the vines' resilience prevailed against Mother Nature, producing elegant, distinctive Pinot Noir that we have come to love.

