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DRUM CANYON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2023 Sta. Rita Hills

VINTAGE NOTES

One of the coolest growing seasons since 2011, 2023 began with a wet winter, bringing 150% of the average rainfall, followed by an extended, cooler spring. This delayed bud break, setting vineyards nearly four weeks behind a typical year—a pace that continued through a moderate summer, with temperatures lingering in the 70s and 80s until September. Harvest began in mid-September, and the long, mild growing season fostered deep complexity, refined structure, and exceptional balance in the fruit.

WINEGROWING NOTES

Drum Canyon Vineyard was developed by the Dierberg family between 2003 and 2005 and is home to two of California's historic Pinot Noir clones—Calera and Swan. Situated along Highway 246 between Lompoc and Buellton, this vineyard marks the eastern edge of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA, about 45 minutes north of Santa Barbara. Defined by its steep hillsides, southern exposures, and sandy Sebastopol and Goldridge loam soils, Drum Canyon benefits from a dynamic climate where morning fog gives way to brisk afternoon maritime winds. These conditions foster small, concentrated grape clusters, resulting in wines of depth, intensity, and elegance.

TASTING NOTES

This wine showcases a medium ruby red hue with a delicate light pink rim. On the nose, fresh aromas of dark cherry and strawberry take center stage, elegantly intertwined with floral rose notes, hints of anise, and a subtle touch of mesquite. The palate reveals a balanced medium-bodied structure, where red currant and cranberry flavors shine, complemented by earthy undertones of tarragon, leather, and mushroom. A refined finish lingers with a harmonious blend of fruit and savory complexity, making for a layered and engaging tasting experience.

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills

Fermentation: Open-top stainless steel

Vineyard: Drum Canyon

Aging: 11 months in French oak (25% new)

Soil Composition: Silt, sandy loam

Alcohol: 14.2%

Clones: Calera, Swan

Production: 103 cases

