



BARDEN



Sta. Rita Hills

2018 Pinot Noir
Radian Vineyard

BARDEN focuses exclusively on the terroir of the Sta. Rita Hills sourcing fruit from top vineyards in the appellation, showcasing the region's classic typicity for Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah. With its diverse, marine-based soils and refrigerated-sunlight climate, the Sta. Rita Hills provides a perfect place for Doug "Barden" Margerum to leverage his years of food and wine experience to make limited amounts of world-class, cuisine-friendly and age-worthy wines. The BARDEN name's English meaning is "Lives near the boar's den..." Thus the image of a wild boar, which is pervasive in our area's vineyards.

Vineyard Region Sta. Rita Hills – Radian Vineyard Block 47 - a one-barrel selection. 100% Clone 777.

Vintage Conditions 2018 a "normal" vintage allowed us to have a longer picking season, as the fall days became cooler and the days shorter. Our first grapes ripened in early to mid-September and the last varieties hung on vines until early November. With August start dates the harvest becomes very compacted as the heat of summer ripens the grapes quicker. It was a mellow growing season and the lack of any dramatic weather kept the vines healthy and happy with no signs of yellowing leaves and vines shutting down. Mild weather allows for more hang time which means the grapes reach that perfect balance of acidity and brix and develop more complex flavors.

Harvest Dates September 7, 2018

Winemaking The fruit was all hand sorted, 50% percentage of was whole cluster, a 4-day cold soak and 9 days fermentation, hand punch downs 3 times daily, free run straight to barrel in 100% New Ermitage 300L, MLF in barrel, racked 1 time and 30ppm SO₂ added.

Maturation This wine was matured for 22 months in a Tonnellerie Ermitage 300 liter barrel.

Wine Analysis Alcohol 13.8%, pH 3.51, RS: 0.75 g/L and TA 6.9 g/L.

Production 66 six packs

Winemaker Comments

Color: Beautiful dark red hues.

Aroma Complex red and blue briary fruit aromas of blueberry and black raspberry complemented with subtle wood aromatics of vanilla, toast and stem inclusion

Palate Structured, rich fruit with rose petal, candied fruit, spice, cocoa and Bing cherries.

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