



BARDEN



Sta. Rita Hills

2019 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 forty 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: Radian Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills

Vintage Conditions: 2019 was an outstanding vintage. It was a very cold winter and a very mild spring and summer leading to slow maturation and long hang times for increased complexities. Harvest was much later in the summer which allows us to harvest under kinder cooler conditions – there were essentially no heat spikes which tend to cause drama and we have a no drama policy.

Harvest Dates: September 11, 2019

Winemaking: The fruit was all hand sorted, 50% percentage of whole cluster, a 7-day cold soak and a combination of natural (wild) fermentation and Burgundian yeast isolates. Only free-run wine used, 10 month maturation on full lees, bottled un-fined and unfiltered.

Maturation: This wine was matured for 10 months in 46% new French oak barriques and 36% one year old French oak barriques and 21% three year barriques from Tonnellerie François Frères and Tonnellerie Ermitage.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol 13.1%, pH 3.52, and TA 6.1 g/L

Production: 56 cases produced

Winemaker comments:

Color: Beautiful dark red and blue hues

Aroma: Absolutely stunning aromas of red fruits like cranberry and pomegranate mixed with lovely earthiness of forest floor and leaf litter. Powerfully intense and savage.

Palate: Full bodied and explosive on the palate with great concentration and length on the palate. Wrapped up and youthful showing how long-lived and serious this wine is. Persistent tannins, great acidity and loads of fruit bode well for long aging of 15 to 20 years.

Peak Drinking: Now and with up to twenty plus years of bottle age.

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