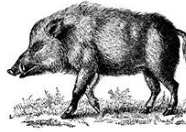


BARDEN



Sta. Rita Hills

2021 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: 100% Pinot Noir Clone 777 Radian Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had a cool spring and mild summer temperatures that extended the growing season. Harvest began in the fall allowing for increased flavors due to hang time. The weather was mild, and we had a long timeframe in which to carefully pick for optimal flavors. Yields were slightly above average but the weather cooperated permitting us to have pronounced flavors and aromatics. We are very happy with the quality of the wine and the "numbers" (pH, TA, Alc.) are perfect resulting in very balanced wines and one of the best vintages in the last twenty years.

Harvest Dates: October 7th

Winemaking: The fruit was all hand sorted, 100% whole cluster, a 7-day cold soak and natural (wild) fermentation. Only free-run wine used, 17-month maturation on full lees, bottled un-fined and unfiltered.

Maturation: This wine was matured in 75% new Tonnellerie Ermitage 300 liter French oak barrels and 25% neutral French oak barriques from Tonnellerie François Frères and Tonnellerie Ermitage.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol 14.6%, pH 3.64, and TA 5.6 g/L.

Production: 154 six pack cases produced

Winemaker comments:

Color: Dark red and black hues.

Aroma: Stunning black fruit aromas of blackberry and burnt blueberries mixed with lovely earthiness of forest floor and toasty oak. Powerfully intense, structured and wild.

Palate: Rich and concentrated on the palate with great persistence. Wrapped up and structured showing its ability to age and its overall level of greatness. Great tannins and acidity and loads of fruit bode well for long aging of 15 to 20 years.

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