



## 2019 PINOT NOIR STA. RITA HILLS

## **BACKGROUND**

We craft our Gainey Vineyard Pinot Noir exclusively from grapes grown at our two vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills appellation located at the western edge of the Santa Ynez Valley – Evan's Ranch & Rancho Esperanza. These cool, marine-influenced sites, just 10 miles from the Pacific Ocean, are ideal for the cultivation of world-class Pinot Noir.

## **WINE NOTES**

Our latest vintage of this delightful wine displays a vivid ruby-red hue and bright, fragrant, fruit-forward aromas of black cherry, red raspberry, blackberry and pomegranate, complemented by a whiff of rose hips tea. On the palate, the wine delivers intense, juicy, strawberry, cherry, plum and blackberry flavors that take on a zesty, tea-leaf spice tone in route to a long, fruitful, mineral-tinged finish. Delicious now with foods like grilled salmon, rotisserie chicken, roast duck, and lamb, this vibrant, varietally expressive Pinot Noir will age gracefully in bottle for the next 2-3 years, from the date it was bottled.

HARVEST DATES: September 19th through September 25th, 2019

COMPOSITION: 100% Gainey Vineyard Pinot Noir:

60% Evan's Ranch, 40% Rancho Esperanza

FERMENTATION: Small open-top tanks with daily punch downs; 12 day maceration

BARREL AGING: 10 months, 24% new French oak

BOTTLED: June 18th, 2020

ALC: 14.1%

TA: 0.59 g/100ml

PH: 3.48