

## 2019 SAINTE ROSE PINOT NOIR



Racines is a collaboration by two classic houses from France, led by Etienne de Montille and Brian Sieve of Burgundy and Rodolphe Peters of Champagne. The team came together to join their individual experiences in hand-crafting wines of purity and transparency to create a range of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the cool climate of the Sta. Rita Hills in California.

## VINEYARDS

This wine is sourced from four well established, reputable vineyards, La Encantada, Domaine de la Cote, Sanford & Benedict and La Rinconada. The vineyard sites for this cuvée's first bottling are all located off of Santa Rosa Road, or its French translation, Sainte Rose.

## **PRODUCTION**

The favorable growing conditions of the vintage rewarded us with the ability to blend some of each vineyard's best barrels. In the cellar, 50% whole cluster was retained and fermented with a combination of foulage and pigeage before being put to 228L barriques.

## **ELEVAGE**

18 months - 25% new French oak

CASES PRODUCED 893

ALCOHOL 12.9%

SOIL TYPES Sorento loam, Gaza clay SRP \$75 USD

with white chert

The 2019 Pinot Noir Saint Rose a new wine in this lineup. The 2019 is a blend of the best barrels from Domaine de la Côte and La Encantada vineyards. Ripe red cherry, blood orange, spice, menthol and a good deal of savoriness from the 50% whole clusters are front and center. Pliant and creamy, the 2019 is so expressive today. A few years in bottle should help the tannins soften. 94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous