



# NIELSON

## Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir STA. RITA HILLS

Our namesake, Uriel J. Nielson, planted Santa Barbara's first commercial vineyard in 1964 when his critics thought the region was too cold to deliver world class wines. At Nielson, we pay homage to that pioneering spirit, producing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from some of the area's most celebrated vineyards. Our east-west valleys, marine soils, morning fog and seaside sunsets make Santa Barbara the perfect setting for uncommon wines of stunning minerality, acidity and balance.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2017 vintage displays rich dark fruit aromatics. This full-bodied wine shows plum, boysenberry, and spice on the palate, culminating in a long finish with a powerful tannin structure will reward time in the cellar.

### VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

### APPELLATION

100% Sta Rita Hills AVA

Vineyards: 27% John Sebastiano, 1% Zotovich, 18% Encanto, 16% Rita's Crown, 11% Fiddlestix, 7.5% Radian

### AGING

Open top stainless steel with daily pump overs, 17 days on the skins, whole cluster. 16 months in barrel (25% new)

2,800 cases produced.

### ALCOHOL

13.9%



SOURCING REGIONS ■ STA. RITA HILLS

SENSORY PROFILES	STA. RITA HILLS AVA (EST. 2001)
AROMAS/FLAVORS	Blue and black fruits, tea
TEXTURAL/STUCTURAL	Firm tannins
CLIMATE	Cool and dry; cold air and strong winds
SOIL TYPE	Sand, sandy clay loam, diatomaceous earth

PIONEERING SINCE 1964