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## 2018

*Our estate single-vineyard Bentrock, Radian and Puerta del Mar wines are incredibly specific. They magnify singular flavors that exist on each particular site and are focused on a particular plot of soil. These wines zoom in on one specific set of parameters. They are ultimate wines of terroir.*

### **Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:**

Pure and elegant bright red cherry and dark blood orange. Added depth from notes of pomegranate, white pepper and rosemary. Black plum and velvet on palate. Sweet aged balsamic and savory tamari. Tremendous density and freshness. Silky, red and supple with enough herbal green personality to lift it out off the glass and create intrigue. Bright, energetic and so tense. The purity of red fruit is mind boggling, but met pound for pound by a saline intensity on the finish with chalky tannins that pushes the finish further and further. Still tightly coiled, but ultimately a balanced wine from deeply rooted, sun kissed and protected vines. A true pleasure to drink today, but the firm, yet deliciously savory structure hints at a long life ahead. Pop open a bottle to enjoy with a grilled, marinated flank steak.

### **Bentrock Vineyard Pinot Noir**

CASES: 240  
 APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills  
 VINE AGE: 11 years  
 ALCOHOL: 13.0%  
 BLOCKS: Focus on hilltop and south eastern facing blocks (4,5,7,13). Mix on Dijon and Heritage clones.  
 BARREL REGIME: 80% neutral French oak barrels, 20% stainless steel barrels for 12 months

### **96 Points**

Antonio Galloni  
*Vinous* Aug. 2020

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