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2018

Our estate single-vineyard Bentrack, 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:

Dark and brooding with a cooling herbal temperament. Typical of site with strong notes of black pepper, blackberry, pancetta and mint, but with an added floral note in 2018 reminiscent of lavender. Fruit-driven and coiled with a succulent, savory side and tons of kinetic energy. Black tea, black currant pastilles and cured meat. Finely ground espresso alongside pine resin and forest floor leaves. Structurally it is redolent of the diatomaceous earth on which it grows, as it is ultimately fresh, cooling, fine grained and balanced. A wine of polar opposites...dark, sweet and luscious black fruit alongside a tremendous light touch with elegance, pedigree and refinement. It zips up on the back-palate to show off tremendous poise, tension and energy. Serve today with the true food of kings: simple and pure carnitas tacos...or put in your cellar and reap the benefits in 8 years.

Radian Vineyard Pinot Noir

CASES: 294
 APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills
 VINE AGE: 11 years
 ALCOHOL: 13.40%
 BLOCKS: Focus on blocks with highest DE content, 51 - 62 (The Pinot Bowl). Dijon clones.
 BARREL REGIME: 100% neutral French oak barrels for 12 months

97 Points

Antonio Galloni
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95+ Points

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