# BENTROCK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR STA. RITA HILLS — 2021

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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:

Enticing red fruit highlighted by fresh green herbs. Darker, decidedly woodsy, and more seductive on the palate with serious weight and so many dimensions. Mint, clove and raspberry. Classic Bentrock notes of blood orange shine through in this vintage. Round and generous black cherry fruit that leads to an increasingly bright finish. Fresh and poised with tons of tension and mouthwatering elements. Compelling today, but with so much more to offer. Pomegranate character on the finish. Highlights the southeast facing lieu-dits on the rocky property planted to the renowned, tiny-berried Calera clone. Lithe, but also endowed with power and muscle. Dusting of delicate and chalky tannins on finish. An absolute new level of expressiveness and elegance from this special vineyard site.

## **Bentrock Vineyard Pinot Noir**

CASES:	376
APPELLATION:	Sta.Rita Hills
VINE AGE:	14 years
ALCOHOL:	14.1%
BLOCKS:	60% Block 4 A/B (cl. Calera), 25% Block 13 (cl. 667), 15% Block 9 (cl. 828)
BARREL REGIME:	75% neutral French oak barrels and 25% new French oak

barrels for 12 months.

**95 Points** Antonio Galloni *Vinous* July 2023

**94 Points** Jeb Dunnuck *jebdunnuck.com* August 2023



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