



**VINEYARD SOURCES:** 43% *Rita's Crown Vineyard*, 28.5% *Clos Pepe Vineyard*, 28.5% *Radian Vineyard*, *Sta. Rita Hills*. This special blend combines the finest Pinot Noir from three of Sta. Rita Hills' most outstanding vineyards. The highly regarded Rita's Crown Vineyard is located at an elevation of 950 feet on a dramatic southwest-facing slope and brings vibrant fruit flavors with a characteristic mineral component to the blend. The meticulously farmed Clos Pepe Vineyard delivers exquisite richness, aromatic intensity and a complex flavor profile. A new superstar in Sta. Rita Hills, Radian Vineyard is one of the coldest estates in the appellation and contributes profound richness and opulence.

**VINTAGE:** 2013 is hailed as a near perfect vintage across the state of California, described as "early, even and excellent." Harvest began about two weeks earlier than normal in Santa Barbara County and weather patterns were ideal—every week brought a warm up followed by a cool down in temperatures. This pattern allowed grapes to develop slowly and evenly, enabling winemakers to pick at the perfect ripeness. A lack of rain during the harvest season also contributed to grape quality. Yields were slightly above normal due to a greater number of clusters on each vine, but berry size remained small.

**WINEMAKING:** Pinot Noir clusters for this wine were hand sorted before being destemmed and gravity fed to fermenters. The must was immediately chilled for a pre-fermentation cold soak where the most beneficial extraction of color, aroma and flavor occurs. During fermentation, concentration was enhanced by gently punching down the cap several times per day. The wine aged 11 months in French oak barrels with 36% new French oak and was bottled on September 4, 2014.

**TASTING NOTES:** Deborah's Pride is a limited, hand-picked selection of barrels representing the highest quality components from our best Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir vineyards. Beautifully ripe and complex aromas of raspberry and dark cherry are complemented by hints of minerality, vanilla, cinnamon stick and smoked meat. Big concentrated flavors of Bing cherry, subtle French oak and dark earth are enveloped in a luscious, resonating texture. The wine's elegantly balanced tannins and superb structure ensure excellent aging potential.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

T.A.: 5.4 g/l

pH: 3.59

Alcohol: 14.7%

Production: 163 cases