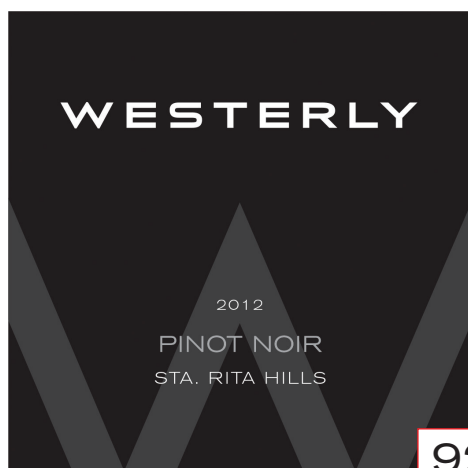


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2012 WESTERLY PINOT NOIR STA. RITA HILLS



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COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

CRISP ACID, A LOW TO MEDIUM LEVEL OF FINE-GRAINED TANNINS AND SATISFYING BERRY AND SPICE FLAVOR LAYERS THAT LINGER LONG INTO THE FINISH. DRINK NOW THROUGH 2020.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Harvested in mid-September, the fruit was hand-sorted, destemmed, and cold soaked at 45 degrees for four days. Whole berry fermentation took place in small, open top stainless steel fermenters. The must was drained and pressed after 21 days on the skins, and the wine was filled into 228 liter French oak barrels, 60% of which were new. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine was racked to blend after 8 months, and remained in barrel for a total of 18 months. Bottled unfined & unfiltered in July of 2014.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby-purple colored, the 2012 Westerly Pinot Noir displays subtle aromas of ripe raspberries and crushed red cherries with underlying notes of violets, lavender, and cinnamon stick. Medium bodied, it is very well balanced with crisp acid, a low to medium level of fine-grained tannins and satisfying berry and spice flavor layers that linger long into the finish. Drink now through 2020.

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