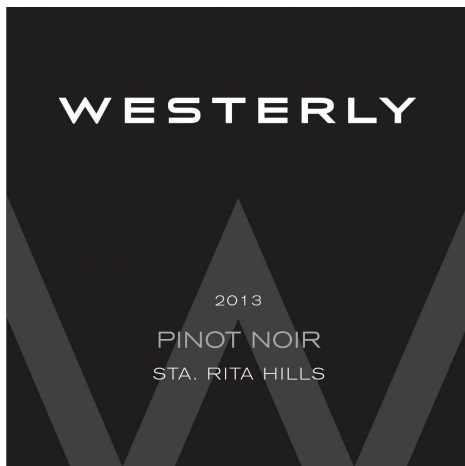


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2013 WESTERLY PINOT NOIR SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

TIGHTLY-WOUND, DELICATE AND COMPACT IN ITS YOUTH, THIS WINE WILL FLESH OUT AND BE EVEN BETTER IN 12 MONTHS.

WINEMAKING NOTES

All of the fruit for this *AVA-specific* blend was sourced from two vineyards that are less than 3 miles apart in the Highway 246 corridor of the Sta. Rita Hills. Harvested during the first 10 days of September and then hand-sorted, de-stemmed and filled by gravity into small open-top tanks. The fruit was cold-soaked at 45°F for seven days to maximize color and phenolic extraction before primary fermentation began. Punched-down by hand three times daily during the 15-day primary fermentation period, and then the free run wine was drained, and the skins pressed off in a basket press. The components were racked to blend after an *élevage* period of one year in 228L French oak *Bourgogne* barrels. The final *cuvée* spent another 6 months in barrel before being bottled in July 2015.

TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Westerly Pinot Noir has a medium ruby color and aromas of dried black cherry and ripe raspberry with subtle notes of violets, cinnamon stick, loam, and anise. Bright acid and a moderate level of fine-grained tannins provide solid structure to the savory, forest-floor, espresso and beetroot flavors opening out on the palate. This is an elegant, mid-weight Pinot Noir with a long finish. Tightly-wound, delicate and compact in its youth, this wine will flesh out and be even better in 12 months; cellar with confidence through 2020.