

EL PINO CLUB

El Pino Club is for Pinot fanatics: people like us who love this fickle, funky grape that flouts expectations and always surprises. Our curated, exceptional Pinots hail from the coastal corners of the world where this grape thrives. As individual cast members they are an ode to the lands and hands that produce them, and as an ensemble, they celebrate the full range and charm of this legendary varietal.

SEA FLOORED

Sea Floored is an ode to the ancient sea floor in which our vineyards are planted and the cool Pacific breezes that help Pinot to thrive in the Sta. Rita Hills. You can taste those maritime roots in its concentrated fruit, balanced acidity and fascinating minerality.

VINTAGE

An extended cool growing season in 2019 set us up for a later start to harvest, but some intense Labor Day heat pushed the vines to maturation, allowing us to pick the fruit the first two weeks of September. Patience was a virtue during Mother Nature's weather roller coaster ride, but the disease pressure was low and the quality was good, with nuance and diversity of fruit expression.

VINEYARDS

Fruit was sourced exclusively from our two estate vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills, each sited to benefit from the cooling influence of the Pacific Ocean. The Rancho Santa Rosa vineyard is planted on steep, south-facing slopes in limestone soils. Rancho Las Hermanas is the westernmost property in the AVA, with vines growing in over six different soil types, all of ancient marine origin.

TASTING NOTES

Take a deep breath and dive in. Sea Floored opens with aromas of cherry cola, dried cran-raspberries, and classic Sta. Rita Hills black pepper. On the palate, deep flavors of Chambord, red pomegranate and cranberry fruit are framed by moderate tannins and food-friendly acidity, finishing with hints of tobacco and oak-roasted coffee bean.

WINE

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Clones: 667, 777, Pommard and 459

Aged for 18 months in French oak barrels (60% new)

TA: 5.1 g/L | pH: 3.52 | Alcohol: 14.4%

