

2020 DIERBERG PINOT NOIR Sta. Rita Hills

ALCOHOL
14.2%

AGED
12 months

OAK
85% Neutral Feudre and
15% new French

HARVESTED
Sept-Oct 2020

BOTTLED
December 2021

Cellar Life
5-10 years

DIERBERG

Pinot Noir

STA. RITA HILLS

2020

ESTATE GROWN



91 Points
Jeb Dunnuck

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VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage in Drum Canyon was marked by a normal growing season with two exceptional heat spikes. We learned from the 2017 vintage and let the mature Drum Pinot vines endure the first wave. As anticipated, this concentrated the fruit. We picked before the second heat wave, which assured we maintained acidity. This allowed us to keep our minimalistic approach in the cellar—avoiding stem inclusion, allowing our typical spontaneous fermentation, and limiting new oak.

The estate fruit from this segment of the vineyard requires less ageing than the blocks used for our grey label Drum Pinot, particularly in the family's large European foudre which help to maintain acidity while the wine develops body. Aging just a small portion in new French oak allowed for some spice complexity, but we find that the fruit from this portion of the hillside has plenty of spice without needing much help.

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WINEMAKER NOTES

We truly enjoy how this Pinot displays the hallmark red toned fruit aromas combined with distinct earthiness and a bit of floral character that are unmistakably Drum Canyon. While the grey label wine usually requires ample bottle ageing for maximum enjoyment, the white label is very rewarding right now.

"Cassic Pinot Noir (aromas and flavors of) raspberries, forest floor, and earth, as well as some spicy notes. It's textured and medium-bodied, has plenty of fruit, and a great finish." Jeb Dunnuck, 8/29/22

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