



DIERBERG



Pinot Noir

STA. RITA HILLS

2020

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Premier Cru Pinot Noir – Drum Canyon

- Our inaugural, limited release of Dierberg Estate Pinot Noir is grown entirely in the *Premier Cru* blocks of our renowned Drum Canyon Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA.
- Tierra Loam soils dominate the upper portion of the Cru and give way to Elder Shaley Loam and sandstone as the hill descends to areas that are also covered by fewer cobblestones. **Mature vines** throughout the Cru produce deep and complex fruit in truly low-vigor soils.
- The trademark Sta. Rita winds and significant diurnal cooling complete a *specific terroir* that persistently produces world-class Pinot Noir and is unmistakably Drum Canyon.



Pacific Ocean

Grand Cru

Premier Cru



DIERBERG DRUM CANYON VINEYARD—Sta. Rita Hills

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- ❖ 100% Pinot Noir
- ❖ 100% Estate Grown – Drum Canyon Vineyard
- ❖ 12 Months in Neutral Feudre and 15% New French Oak
- ❖ 14.2% ABV
- ❖ 984 Cases Produced

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 Premier Cru fruit requires less ageing than the Grand Cru, 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 Cru has plenty of spice without needing much help.

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

-Tyler Thomas, Winemaker