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STA. RITA HILLS

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ESTATE

- The Estate wines are defined by the fruit and flavors of our little southwestern corner of the Sta. Rita Hills. They speak of the nuances and complexities of our properties as a whole. These wines take into account the many aspects, clones, soil types, and other properties of our estate. They give us the maximum amount of blending components and represent the most complete wines in our portfolio.

CASES: 3,285

ALC: 14.1%

VINEYARDS: Radian, Bentrack, Sanford
and Benedict

BARRELS: 30% New French oak, 70%
neutral French oak

92 - 95 Points Antonio Galloni
Vinous Sept. 2018

93 - 95 Points Jeb Dunnuck
jebdunnuck.com Oct. 2018

91 Points Erin Brooks *The Wine Advocate* Sept. 2019

About the Vintage:

The Hilt Estate vineyards produced wines of purity and balance in 2017. Nothing is out of place in these harmonious and supple blends. These are two high impact wines that speak of our vineyard with more transparency than ever before, likely due in large part to three years of our meticulous farming. Tasting these wines immediately takes one on a tour of our cool southwest corner of the Sta Rita Hills.

Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:

Savory, dark and perfumed pinot noir. Lifted notes of rose petals, black cherry, dried tobacco, blood orange, sage, pomegranate and cracked white pepper. Bright and savory red fruit with salinity, fresh herbs and focus. Lightness and charm on the palate with darker overtones of earth and dust. Gentle tannins with a vinous touch from minimal stem inclusion combine to make a finish that lingers. Ultimately a wine defined by elegance and precision. The balanced and complete sum of the best parts of our Estate vineyards in one bottle.

