

Product Fact Sheet

2002 Pinot Noir, Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard Santa Rita Hills



This is Flying Goat's first wine from the Santa Rita Hills appellation in western Santa Barbara County – an appellation that's quickly gaining fame as “the” place for Pinot Noir in California. The cool morning fog and afternoon breezes moderate the temperatures here, allowing Pinot Noir grapes to slowly ripen, producing great flavors and aromas. Rancho Santa Rosa is a 240-acre property planted to Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah.. The 4-year old property has been called “Little Burgundy” referring to the subdivision of the property into 35 different parcels – each parcel is planted to the grape varietal, clone and rootstock best suited to its individual “terroir” – that unique combination of soil, drainage, microclimate, exposure and slope.

The 2002 vintage includes two different Pinot Noir clones – Dijon clone 667 for its intense color and flavor and clone 2A, a traditional clone known as Gamay. The grapes were harvested in early September and after de-stemming , were placed in small open-top fermenters for a day before being inoculated with yeast. While fermenting to dryness, the cap of grapes was punched down into the liquid two or three times each day. After six days, the must was pressed and the new wine was gravity-fed into French oak barrels where it aged on lees for 11 months, with occasional stirring to add creaminess to the final texture. The wine was racked only once, and minimal filtration was employed to capture maximum fruit flavors and aromas. The wine was bottled in September 2003.

Deep garnet color, aromas of fresh blueberries, cranberries and smoke. Mouth-coating tannins give the wine a firm structure which is backed up with flavors of wild berry, spices and plum jam. This is a multi-layered wine with interesting complexity, a rich core of ripe flavors, great balance and a long smooth finish.

The 2002 Rancho Santa Rosa vintage has great aging potential. It is enjoyable now, and can be cellared through 2010.

Appellation:	Santa Rita Hills	Production:	129 cases
Vineyard:	Rancho Santa Rosa, Block 35	Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
Harvested:	September, 2002	% Alcohol:	13.8%
Bottled:	September 12, 2003	Released:	March 13, 2004

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