



**2009 Pinot Noir
Rio Vista Vineyard Clone 2A
Sta. Rita Hills AVA**

The Rio Vista Vineyard, appropriately named as it overlooks the Santa Ynez River, is the eastern gateway to the Sta. Rita Hills appellation. Although slightly warmer during the growing season than vineyards further to the west, Rio Vista is tempered by the marine environment of the nearby Pacific Ocean. Clone 2A grapes were added to the Flying Goat Cellars portfolio from Rio Vista in 2004, and the first 2A “clonal” bottling debuted the following year. Clone 2A is one of the Wadenswil selection, a group of Pinot Noir clones imported from Switzerland in the 1950’s. Many like it as a “blender” as it tends to add red fruit, spice and nuances like violets and blueberries to a wine, without affecting density or tannin structure. But with the cool climate of the Sta. Rita Hills, 2A can easily stand on its own! The grapes were hand harvested and delivered early in the day while still cool and firm. Gently de-stemmed and placed into small open top bins, the grapes were made into wine and then placed into a combination of 70% neutral and 30% new French Oak barrels, where they remained for 18 months.

Tasting Notes

The darkness of color belies the delicate but juicy black cherry flavor of this wine. After 18 months on oak, vanilla flavors are emerging on this vintage of our 2A wine. The vine age is producing a more texture driven wine than previous vintages, with lush layers that are velvet smooth. The finish lingers on the tongue with this well balanced wine.

Details

Harvested:	9/25/2009	Alcohol:	14.4% by Volume
Bottled:	4/26/2011	pH:	3.76
Released:	4/28/2012	TA:	.500 g/100mL
Production:	150 cases	Brix:	25.3

Price: \$42