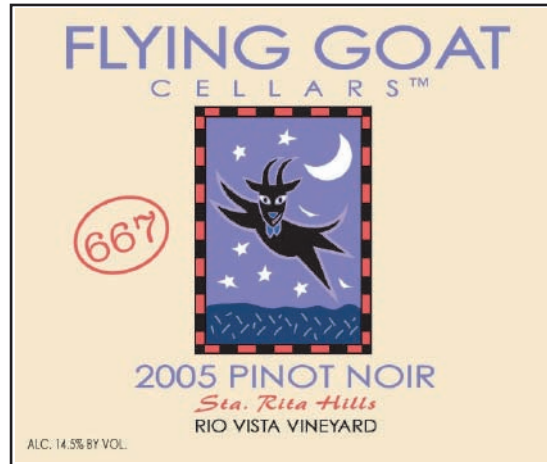


Product Fact Sheet

2005 Pinot Noir, "667", Rio Vista Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills



The Rio Vista Vineyard is located at the far eastern boundary of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA, an appellation that is known for the excellence of Pinot Noir grown there. The 26-acre vineyard was planted in 2000 and includes Pinot Noir only, comprised of clones 777, 115, 2A, 667, Pommard and Calera. Flying Goat Cellars has been purchasing fruit from the Thorne family since the first harvest in 2003 and has chosen clones 777, 115, 2A and 667 from various blocks in the vineyard for the Flying Goat portfolio of wines. The hillsides and swales of Rio Vista consistently produce small yields of exceptional grapes.

2005 was quite an amazing vintage, as it produced a relatively bountiful crop with fruit of incredible quality. The early part of the year was marked by heavy rains that leached maritime salts deposited from the nearby Pacific Ocean from the soils, replenished the aquifer and gave the vines a burst of springtime energy as they entered the growing season. The plentiful yields of the vintage allowed Flying Goat Cellars winemaker/owner Norm Yost to produce several small lots of clonally designated wines, including this bottling which showcases the Dijon Clone 667.

Clone 667 is one of the "Dijonaise" clones and originated in Morey St. Denis in France's Cote d'Or. It has small to average sized berries and a nice, compact "pinecone" shape. The Flying Goat block of 667 at Rio Vista is in Block 7, which is on a sloping hillside with rows that run east-west. After primary fermentation had completed, the wine was gently racked into French Oak barrels, 25% of which were new. A gregarious youthfulness in the barrel prompted the decision to age this wine for a bit longer than usual, and 2005 Clone 667 spent 18 months in barrel.

A pretty bouquet of red berry and a hint of violet rise from the glass in this ruby colored wine. Ripe raspberries and a restrained hint of caramel mocha are joined by red plum and strawberry notes on the palate. High toned fruit and a hint of vanilla bean meld with an allspice character typical of the Rio Vista Vineyard. The 2005 Pinot Noir Clone 667 is a voluptuously plush wine on the mid-palate, soft and round in structure with bright berry flavors. This is an easy-going wine that is ready to thoroughly enjoy now.

Harvested:	September, 2005	Alcohol % by Volume:	14.5%
Bottled:	April 8, 200	pH:	3.76
Released:	December 1, 2007	TA:	0.58