

BYRON

RITA'S CROWN VINEYARD

2014 *PINOT NOIR*

WINERY DESCRIPTION

A good share of Byron winemaking takes place in the vineyard, where winemaker Jonathan Nagy selects individual rows and blocks for their potential to express both variety and site—focusing particularly on clones that best exemplify Byron's balanced, textural and site-expressive style.

Byron's site-specific Pinot Noirs are deeply rooted in the vineyards of Santa Barbara County's two defining appellations: Santa Maria Valley and Sta. Rita Hills. The wines explore each vineyard's block and row distinctions defined by soil, microclimate, fog cover, wind, exposure, elevation, clonal selection and farming techniques.

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One of the highest planted vineyards in Sta. Rita Hills AVA, Rita's Crown is a high-density planting on a steep hillside overlooking several of the appellation's most famed sites. The vineyard boasts a mix of extreme elevation and slope that, together with the exposed coastal climate and marine soils, impart a distinct salinity. Tart, subtle fruit flavors of pomegranate are complemented by savory, almost salty notes and wet-stone minerality. Silky tannins produce a distinctive, lingering finish.

THE WINE

APPELLATION	STA. RITA HILLS
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% PINOT NOIR
BARREL REGIME	15 MONTHS AGING; 100% FRENCH OAK, 46% NEW
CASES PRODUCED (9L)	295
ALCOHOL	13.8%
TA	5.2g/L
PH	3.66

THE VINEYARD

CLIMATE	COOL, MARINE INFLUENCE
SOIL TYPE	CALCAREOUS SOILS
DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN	12 MILES
ELEVATION	600-950 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
YEAR PLANTED	2007
CLONES	828
ASPECT	WEST, EXTREME SLOPE

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