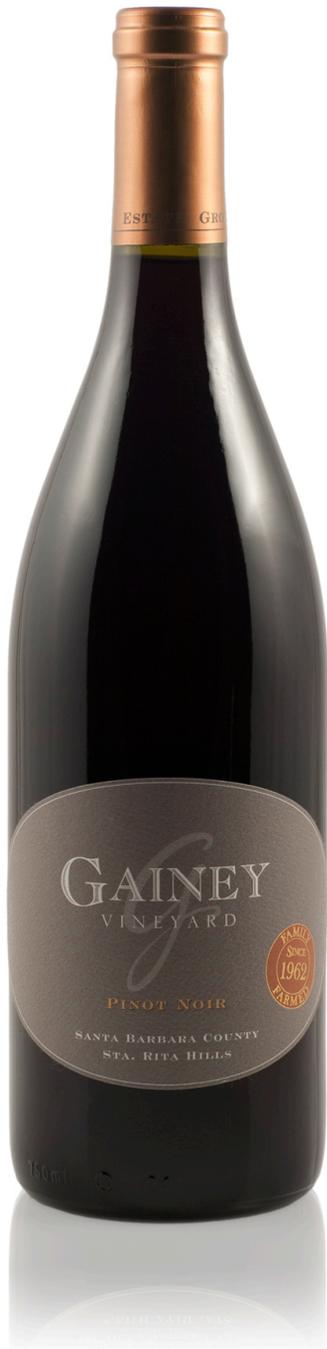


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2014 PINOT NOIR, STA. RITA HILLS



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The Sta. Rita Hills AVA benefits from strong winds, morning fog and cool temperatures. These conditions provide a long, cool growing season averaging 30 to 45 days longer than most of California's grape-growing regions. These maritime conditions also limit vine yields – providing grapes with a rare combination of intense ripeness, concentration, structure, minerality and acidity. The Gainey family purchased its first Sta. Rita Hills property in 1996, five years before the region was designated a sub-appellation of the Santa Ynez Valley AVA.

VINEYARDS

We craft our Gainey Vineyard Pinot Noir exclusively from grapes grown at our two vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills appellation located at the western edge of the Santa Ynez Valley – Evan's Ranch & Rancho Esperanza. These cool, marine-influenced sites, just 10 miles from the Pacific Ocean, are ideal for the cultivation of world-class Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

Our latest vintage of this delightful wine displays a vivid ruby-red hue and bright, fragrant, fruit-forward aromas of black cherry, red raspberry, blackberry and pomegranate, complemented by a whiff of rose hips tea. On the palate, the wine delivers intense, juicy, strawberry, cherry, plum and blackberry flavors that take on a zesty, tea-leaf spice tone en route to a long, fruitful, mineral-tinged finish. Delicious now with foods like grilled salmon, rotisserie chicken, roast duck, and lamb, this vibrant, varietally expressive Pinot Noir will age gracefully in bottle for the next 2-3 years.

Harvest Dates: August 28th - September 5th, 2014

Composition: 100% Gainey Vineyard Pinot Noir: 52% Evan's Ranch, 48% Rancho Esperanza

Fermentation: small open-top tanks with daily punch downs; 10 days maceration

Barrel Aging: 10 months in 22% new French oak

Bottled (unfiltered): August, 2015

Alc: 13.8%

TA: 0.65 g/100 ml

pH: 3.46