

## 2019 Bentrack Pinot Noir

### Production Insights

#### **Who We Are**

Alma Rosa is deeply rooted in the winemaking history of the Santa Rosa Hills in the southern sector of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. Here, growing conditions combine sunshine with the powerful cooling influence of onshore winds and fog from the Pacific Ocean. The unique geography, chilly climate, and clay-loam soils attracted Richard Sanford to this area in the early 70s where he pioneered Pinot Noir in Santa Barbara County. Growing consistently balanced wines through sustainable farming is part of the enduring legacy of our founder Richard Sanford.

#### **Vineyard**

- 100% Bentrack Vineyard
- Clones 115 & 828

#### **Vintage Notes**

The 2019 growing season was long and mild, with a moist, foggy winter and a mild spring and summer. Summer concluded with a July heat spike with temperatures reaching into the high 90s. Due to the Sta. Rita Hills' position near the transverse mountain range, the vineyards experienced cool ocean breezes from the Pacific Ocean which allowed grapes to mature slowly, developing flavor concentration with optimal ripeness.

#### **Winemaking**

- Harvested at night on September 21, 2019
- 100% destemmed into 60% closed stainless steel tanks and 40% open tanks
- Aged for 14 months in small French oak, 25% new
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered

#### **Tasting Notes**

Bentrack is the westernmost vineyard along Santa Rosa Road in the Santa Rita Hills. An attractive deep ruby in the glass, the 2019 Bentrack Pinot Noir seamlessly showcases the unique characteristics typical of wines from this special site. On the nose, this wine shows notes of rose petals, wild mint, and blood orange. On the palate, dense red fruit flavors such as pomegranate, red cherry and raspberry blend seamlessly with elegant chalky tannins and crushed rock minerality. The wine features high natural acidity, which will help it to age gracefully and develop complexity over the next 3-5 years.



### Details

Production: 297 CS

Alcohol: 14%