



# 2013 PINOT NOIR SANTA RITA HILLS



*Sta. Rita Hills Appellation*

**WINEMAKER NOTES**

Dark red color. This blend of Pinot Noir from 3 vineyards in the Sta Rita Hills presents scents of boysenberry, currant, blueberry, ripe fig, and graphite. The flavors segue evenly from the aroma profile showing a nice balance of fruit and minerality. Fine grain tannins along with a dense mouthfeel and good length make for a hedonistic experience. Enjoy now through 2023.

~Bill Brosseau, Winemaker

**APPELLATION**

The Santa Rita Hills Appellation in Santa Barbara County is part of the larger Santa Ynez Valley AVA. It is basically located between the towns of Lompoc and Buellton with the Purisima Hills on the North, the Santa Rosa Hills on the South and the Santa Ynez River running right through the middle. The region is just about 10 miles away from the Pacific Ocean and Point Conception accounting for the daily fog and maritime breezes that cool down the vineyards. This provides the prolonged hang time and ideal growing conditions for world-class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The rocky soil and east/west hill configuration also make the unique area perfect for cool climate varietals.

**ACCOLADES**

## 2013 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir 91 Points Pinot Report

**2013 Santa Rita Hills Pinot Noir**

- Appellation:** Santa Rita Hills
- Soil:** Marine-based with elevated calcium
- Elevation:** 230-445 ft.
- Vineyards:** Sanford & Benedict, La Encatada and La Rinconada
- 1st TRW Vintage:** 2013
- Alcohol:** 14.3%
- Acidity:** 3.5 pH
- Cooperage:** 100% French Oak  
41% New Oak
- Aging:** 10 Months
- Harvested:** 9/23/15
- Produced:** 525 Cases

**WINERY**

*Testarossa (Italian for "red head") was the nickname given Rob Jensen as a young university student in Italy. Rob and Diana Jensen started Testarossa in their garage in 1993 with just twenty-five cases of wine. Today, the label has grown to national prominence among collectors by cultivating long-term partnerships with passionate growers and vineyards.*



**TESTAROSSA**  
WINERY