



2008 ASHLEY'S PINOT NOIR

STA. RITA HILLS

VINEYARD SOURCE: 100% RANCHO LAS HERMANAS (FORMALY ASHLEY'S VINEYARD) IN THE STA. RITA HILLS

COMPOSITION: 100% PINOT NOIR

BARREL AGING: 16 MONTHS IN 50% NEW FRENCH OAK

COOPERAGE: SIRUGUE, FRANCOIS FRERES, BOUTES, DARGAUD & JAEGLE, QUINTESSENCE & ERMITAGE

HARVEST DATE: SEPTEMBER 26TH – OCTOBER 9TH

BLOCKS: W, 1A, U, 1

TONS PER ACRE: 1.8-2.7

BRIX: 24.4 – 25.7

ALCOHOL: 14.1% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

P.H.: 3.52

T.A.: .675G/100ML

PRODUCTION: 2465-6 PACK CASES

COMMENTS:

A dark ruby garnet color and aromas of cherry, raspberry, black tea, baking spices and vanilla, all set the stage for this elegant wine. Black cherry, ripe raspberry, nutmet and wetstone with well integrated oak are highlighted by the hallmark acidity found in fruit from this cold climate vineyard. A great balance of acid, tannin, weight and fleshy texture frames it all in nicely and makes for terrific aging potential.

2008 Vintage
91 Points – *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*
90 Points (Cellar Selection) – *Wine Enthusiast*
90 Points – *Stephen Tanzer*
2007 Vintage
94 Points (Cellar Selection) – *Wine Enthusiast*
91 Points – *Burghound.com*
90 Points – *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*
2006 Vintage
90 Points – *Stephen Tanzer*
88 Points – *Wine Enthusiast*
2005 Vintage
94 Points – *Wine Enthusiast*
90 Points – *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*


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