



# 2022 PINOT NOIR

## FE CIEGA - DEVOTO

### STA. RITA HILLS

#### VINTAGE & WINEMAKING:

The 2022 vintage challenged us when September heat kicked in, much like '17 and '20 vintage but more persistent. We had to be extra vigilant about nailing the pick date, as warm nights rob the fruit of precious acidity. We picked just in time, and there was ample acidity to support our usual regime of stem inclusion.

The clones that comprise this cuvee, Pommard and Mt. Eden, were loaded into tanks with 32% whole clusters. We immediately inoculated with our house native yeast (cultured from grapes picked during sampling), then pumped the wine over twice daily until it was dry. We left it on the skins for a few more days for further extraction. The wine aged on fine lees in French oak barrels (33% new) for 15 months, then was bottled without fining or filtration.

#### PRESS REVIEWS

##### WINE ADVOCATE, Matthew Luczy

"Compared to the Discípulo bottling's relatively forward nature, [Devoto] is the more elegant and elusive side of the coin, leading with savory forest floor aromas and pure, fragrant floral accents. The palate is silky, understated and delicate, easing into itself slowly and continuously unfolding in the glass with increased tension and agility. The finish clearly shows the grippy influence of whole clusters, which are already impressively integrated and provide a beautiful, ethereal lift. This is a gorgeous expression of the Sta. Rita Hills and a centerpiece of The Ojai Vineyard lineup." **94 Points**

##### Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2022 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Devoto comes from heritage clones (Mt. Eden and Pommard) and was brought up much like the Discípulo. It has a deeper, more complex style in its ripe black cherry, spring flowers, and leafy herb-driven aromatics, and it's medium-bodied, with a pure, elegant mouth-feel, beautiful tannins, and nicely integrated acidity." **93 Points**

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**BLEND** 100% Pinot Noir, Heritage clones Pommard & Mt. Eden

**VINEYARDS** Fe Ciega

**AVA** Sta. Rita Hills

**ALCOHOL** 13.0%

**VINIFICATION** open-top fermentation with 32% whole clusters

**BARREL AGING** 14 months in French Oak barrels, 33% new

**TOTAL PRODUCTION** 204 Cases

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