



2022 PINOT NOIR FE CIEGA, 'DISCÍPULO'

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, but we did have to cut back on stem inclusion to preserve the wine's freshness.

The Dijon clones that comprise this cuvee, 115 and 667, were loaded into tanks with 12% 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

DECANTER, Jonathan Cristaldi

"Love this nose. It's very bright and savoury, revealing strawberry fruit leather, sandalwood, rose petals, lilac and cherry blossoms. Light to medium bodied. Firm, elongated, ripe tannins are gentle yet present. Elegant fruit, spice, tobacco, underbrush, smoky clove, and rooibos tea round out a complete and satisfying Pinot Noir from this icon vineyard."

94 Points

WINE ADVOCATE, Matthew Lucy

"Composed of the Dijon clone selections planted at this estate site, the 2022 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Discípulo saw a 15-month élevage in 33% new French oak. The nose is driven by red fruit and baking spice aromas, beautifully lifted by accents of purple flowers and citrus rinds. The palate is silky and focused, enriched by a suave, subtle richness. The finish is juicy and succulent, supported by saline acidity and fine-grained tannins that swell with further aeration." **93 Points**

BLEND 100% Pinot Noir - 66% Clone 115, 25% Clone 667, 9% Pommard

VINEYARDS Fe Ciega

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ALCOHOL 13.0%

VINIFICATION fermented with native yeast using 12% whole-clusters

BARREL AGING 15 months in French oak barrels, 33% new

TOTAL PRODUCTION 277 Cases

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