



LONGORIA

2020 LOVELY RITA

PINOT NOIR



HISTORY

"Lovely Rita" is our Sta. Rita Hills AVA Blend Pinot Noir. The name is an homage to our home and favorite place on Earth for Pinot Noir. It is also a wink toward our music aficionados, as it shares a name with a song by one of the most iconic bands of all-time.

WINEMAKING

This vintage of Lovely Rita Pinot is once again composed of 100% Fe Ciega Vineyard grapes. Three clones grown at the vineyard were used for this blend; Dijon 667, Pommard and Mt. Eden. The grapes were 100% destemmed and crushed into small, open top fermenters. The must was cold soaked for an average of two days, after which the must was inoculated with a special yeast strain chosen to enhance the aromatics of the Pinot Noir grapes. After an average fermentation period of thirteen days, the wines were pressed off to tanks, settled and then transferred to 100% neutral French oak barrels for 15 months.

THE WINE

The wine is a brilliant garnet color. The aromas are of black cherries with hints of Oriental spices in the background. On the palate the wine is light to medium bodied with bright flavors of strawberries, cranberries and pomegranate. The higher natural acidity of the wine provides a refreshing and lingering finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Enjoy this wine with seafood, Carpaccio, and sushi.

Production: 330 cases Cellaring potential: 2-4 yrs
pH: 3.78 Bottling date: January 2022
TA: 0.61g/100ml Retail price: \$39.00
Alc: 13.8%