

RIDEAU VINEYARD

2023 PEAKE RANCH PINOT NOIR

From the steep Peake Ranch hillsides in the Sta. Rita Hills, this 2023 Pinot Noir offers concentrated red cherry and cranberry with hints of spice and forest floor. Bright acidity and fine-grain tannins carry a long, focused finish.

2023 VINTAGE NOTES

A cool, extended 2023 growing season in Sta. Rita Hills followed heavy winter rains and a late budbreak, leading to slow, gradual ripening that pushed harvest into October. Persistent coastal fog and mild temperatures preserved natural acidity while allowing the fruit to develop depth and phenolic balance. The vintage produced wines with vibrant freshness, concentration, and structure that clearly reflect the region's cool-climate character.

VINEYARD SOURCE NOTES

On the eastern edge of the Sta. Rita Hills along Santa Rosa Road, Peake Ranch is a 105-acre estate with 50 acres planted across rolling, multi-directional slopes. A protective saddle tempers the Pacific winds, while sun-drenched days and fog-cooled nights extend hang time across seven Pinot Noir clones. Meticulous farming yields fruit of remarkable depth, making it a benchmark site for structured, expressive Pinot Noir.

VINEYARD & HARVEST

Vineyard: Peake Ranch Vineyard
AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
Clone: Swan
Soil: Diatomaceous sandy loam
Harvest: Sept. 2023

TECHNICAL

pH: 3.73
TA: 5.85g/L
MLF: Natural
Fermentation: On skins in bins
Alcohol: 14.3%

AGING & RELEASE

Aging Duration: 18 months
Barrels: 20% New French Oak
Bottling Date: 3/28/2025
First Release: 06/2026

This Pinot Noir pairs beautifully with roast duck, grilled salmon with herb butter, or rosemary-roasted lamb. Its bright acidity and fine-grained tannins also complement mushroom risotto, roasted chicken with thyme, or soft cheeses like Brie and aged Gouda.