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## 2022

*Our estate single-vineyard Bentrack, Radian and Puerta del Mar wines are incredibly specific. They magnify singular flavors that exist on each particular site and are focused on a particular plot of soil. These wines zoom in on one specific set of parameters. They are ultimate wines of terroir.*

### **Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:**

Exuberant fruit. Black, red, and green. Absolutely leaps out of the glass. Noticeably a darker-fruit version from Bentrack vineyard, with more bass and density.

Blackberries right off the bush. Solid core of fruit. Like its' Bentrack Chardonnay sibling, it never loses speed. Sweet and consistent push of plush fruit on the attack. So full and coating. Touch of savory saltiness, alongside sous bois and black cherry. Pencil shavings and pink peppercorns. Inner perfume of lavender. Classic notes of Bentrack vineyard blood orange and an ultra-fine, dusty structure. The most powerful and expressive Bentrack Pinot Noir to date, no doubt.

### **Bentrack Vineyard Pinot Noir**

CASES: 399  
 APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills  
 VINE AGE: 15 years  
 ALCOHOL: 14.1%  
 BLOCKS: 85% Block 4A/B (cl. Calera), 9% Block 13 (cl. 667), 6% Block 3B (cl. 777)  
 BARREL REGIME: 70% neutral French oak barrels and 30% new French oak barrels for 12 months. Bottled early to capture energy.

**97 Points**  
 Antonio Galloni  
*Vinous*  
 July 2024

**96 Points**  
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