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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:**

Lifted, spicy and extremely seductive fruit. Incense. Smells like standing in the middle of the Radian vineyard diatomaceous earth blocks. Chaparral, black sage and Luxardo cherry. So coiled and full of energy, it's like a spring that releases. Pine forest and thyme. Dusty and chewy. A nervy wine with loads of inner sweetness. Juniper and sweet soil. Mint, black tea, sage and bay leaf. As always, a mercurial chameleon of a wine constantly shifting shape, size, and savoriness. Full of Radian tannins that coat the mouth completely and gently, then recede quietly into the background to allow the dark and resinous fruit to shine. Tastes even better on day two and three. This wine, much like the 2022 Bentrack Pinot Noir, is just getting started.

### **Radian Vineyard Pinot Noir**

CASES: 614  
 APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills  
 VINE AGE: 15 years  
 ALCOHOL: 14.1%  
 BLOCKS: 50% Block 52 (cl. 777), 20% Block 61 (cl. 667), 15% Block 524 (cl. 667), 15% Block 56 (cl. 115)  
 BARREL REGIME: 90% neutral French oak barrels and 10% new French oak barrels for 12 months. Bottled early to capture energy.

**94 Points**  
 Antonio Galloni  
*Vinous*  
 July 2024

**95 Points**  
 Jeb Dunnuck  
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