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## 2022

*The Estate wines are defined by the fruit and flavors of our little southwestern corner of the Sta. Rita Hills. They speak of the nuances and complexities of our properties as a whole. These wines take into account the many aspects, clones, soil types and other properties of our estate. They give us the maximum amount of blending components and, represent the most complete wines in our portfolio.*

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

Black pepper and black plum. Violet pastille and cured meat. Black olive and black mineral. Silky and suave and expansive mid-palate. Hydrated and resinous. Dark rose and blackberry preserve. Gamy and deeply complex. Finishes fresh and lifted with energy and verve. Salty and savory. True cool climate syrah from our windy western vineyards. Perfect balance of vinous notes from stem inclusion and pure and poignant black fruit.

### **Estate Syrah**

CASES:	238
ALCOHOL:	12.5%
BLEND:	100% Syrah
APPELLATION:	Sta. Rita Hills
CLONAL SELECTION:	63% Radian Vineyard (cl. 470, Alban PB) 37% Bentrack Vineyard (cl. 470)
VINE AGE:	15
BARREL REGIME:	12 months in 90% neutral French oak, 10% new French oak, then 4 months in stainless tank. 50% Whole cluster fermentation.

