

# Gainey Estate Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir

## THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Santa Barbara County

APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills

CEPAGE: 100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING: Open top, whole berry fermented. Pressed and aged in 10 months in 24% new French oak, 76% neutral oak

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 14.2%

AGING: 10 months in 24% new French oak, 76% neutral oak

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 2400 cases

## THE STORY

Gainey Vineyard is the culmination of a family heritage that runs deep in the Santa Barbara wine country. Gainey's story in the Santa Ynez Valley begins more than 60 years ago when the Gainey family, acquired 1,800 acres of undeveloped land. In 1984, vines were planted and Gainey Vineyard was born. We now have over 60 acres of vineyard at the "Home Ranch" and have since acquired two additional estate vineyards of 100 acres in the Santa Rita Hills.

We are proudly one of the founding families in the valley and are still 100% family owned and operated for 4 generations.

**PHILOSOPHY:** "Winemaking is first & foremost an artistic pursuit. A creative process sharpened by intuition, sensitivity, & a deep connection to the vineyard." - Jeff Lebard

## THE ADJECTIVES

**AROMAS / FLAVORS:** bright berry fruit, lavender, pomegranate.

**MOUTHFEEL:** velvety smooth and sumptuous

## THE SELLING POINTS

100% Pinot from Sta. Rita Hills at a by the glass price

**AWARDS:** 92pts Wine Enthusiast

**SUSTAINABILITY:** Sustainable In Practice

**PAIRINGS:** Salmon, roast chicken, mushroom dishes, camembert cheese

