



Demanding only the best, mermaids have lured sailors for love and treasure since the beginning of time. Local legend in the Caribbean is that the mermaid Aycayia held court in the seaside Grape Trees (seagrapes). Is it any surprise that these sirens of the sea prefer the finest Pinot Noir? This single-barrel, reserve selection can only be thought of as alluring and mesmerizing – and available to land-folk too.

A veritable treasure chest of aromas, flavors and textures abound in 2015 Mermaid's Pearl. A dark and vibrant maroon color entices the senses. Spicy aromas of allspice and a hint of nutmeg mingle with black cherry compote and lead to a sip. A silky texture delivers more berry flavors – blueberry and black raspberry, accented with polished tannins and traces of sandalwood. A long, mineral finish lingers and lingers.

Sta. Rita Hills is a small appellation encompassing just 100 square miles, and located in one of the few transverse valleys in the western hemisphere. Its cool climate, ocean breezes, coastal fog and diverse soils come together to create the perfect climate for growing exceptional Pinot Noir. 2015 was yet another drought year, which resulted in tiny yields of small clusters of petite berries. While quantities were disappointing, quality was superb.

Rancho la Viña is a Pinot Noir only vineyard located on the southwestern side of the appellation, just off Santa Rosa Road. With a long but early growing season, both the 115 and 777 clones were harvested on August 29, 2015.

This wine is the pearl of the cellar. The blend is crafted from the best barrels of the vintage and then returned for an additional 3-6 months of aging in a new, highest quality French oak barrique. The wine is not fined nor filtered.

22 cases produced

\$70 per bottle

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