

WAITS MAST 2019 PINOT NOIR MARIAH VINEYARD MENDOCINO RIDGE, MENDOCINO

TASTING NOTES:

The 2019 Mariah is prototypical of this high elevation vineyard planted on a combination of Hugo and Josephine loams over a well drained Sandstone fractured Shale subsoil. Dusty, red fruited and spicy, it is simultaneously bright and lithe. Light on the palate, notes of bing cherry and black tea give way to a hint of vanilla crème through the finish. The acidity keeps the palate fresh and makes a great foil to heavier fare like a standing rib roast.

WINERY INFO:

Waits-Mast Family Cellars was founded by Brian Mast and Jennifer Waits and produces small lots of single-vineyard pinot noir from cool-climate vineyards in Anderson Valley and Mendocino County. In 2005 they crafted their first barrel of Pinot Noir and by 2007 launched Waits-Mast Family Cellars as a small, yet focused commercial brand that cemented a shift from wine geeks to winemakers. Today, the wines are crafted in San Francisco with the expertise of winemaker Shalini Sekhar (since the 2013 vintage).

Set high above Anderson Valley at 2300' elevation, Mariah Vineyard is in the Mendocino Ridge appellation. Above the fog layer, Mariah sees more sunlight throughout the day and nights tend to be warmer than down in the Valley. The combination of this high elevation and sustainable, dry-farming practices make this wine truly expressive of mountain fruit.

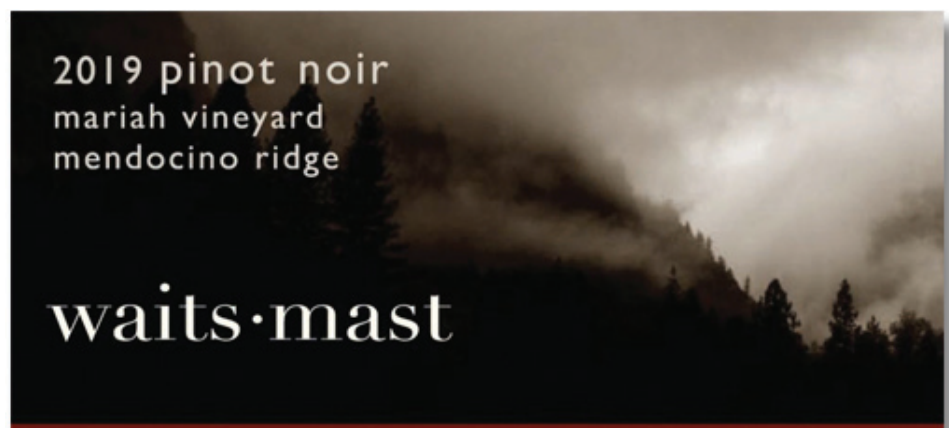
WINE STATS:

Clones: 667 & Pommard

Aging: neutral French oak (16 mo.)

Alcohol: 13.8%

Production: 125 cases



WaitsMast.com

Regular Price. . . . \$49.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$44.99

THE HILT ESTATE 2020 PINOT NOIR STA RITA HILL, SANTA BARBARA

TASTING NOTES:

A joyous version of The Hilt Estate Pinot Noir. Expressive red fruit and cooling herbs. Plush attack with mineral-laden character. Cherry, hibiscus, cranberry and blood orange. Pine forest and chanterelle. Brilliantly fresh with a lovely balance between savory herbal notes and hedonistic red fruit. Vibrant acidity. Dried strawberry and cocoa powder. Succulent and delicious offering today. Persistent with such lovely and expansive depth. Highlights the ripe fruit of the vintage balanced alongside the charms of the cool climate of our wind-blown, ocean-influenced vineyards.

WINERY INFO:

To understand the wines made by The Hilt, one might need to come visit the hard and harsh conditions under which they are born. The unobstructed, ocean facing east-west valley known as Sta. Rita Hills Valley is a complex AVA. One could divide it into four quadrants: northern-facing, southern-facing, close to the ocean, and further inland from the ocean. With such a frame, The Hilt's favorite vineyards are in the northern-facing, closest to the ocean, windswept quadrant. These sites are the worst place for a grape grower, but the best ones for a winemaker.

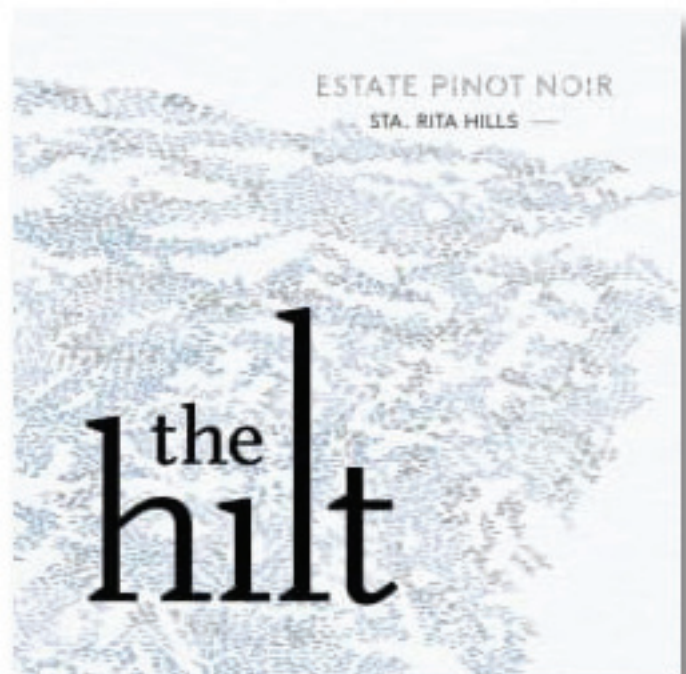
The Estate wines are defined by the fruit and flavors of our little southwestern corner of the Sta. Rita Hills. They speak of the nuances and complexities of our properties as a whole. These wines take into account the many aspects, clones, soil types and other properties of our estate. They give us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

WINE STATS:

Ageing: 11 months in new French oak (10%)
and neutral barrels (90%)

Alcohol: 13.0%

Production: 3,912 cases



TheHiltEstate.com

Regular Price. . . . \$53.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$48.59
