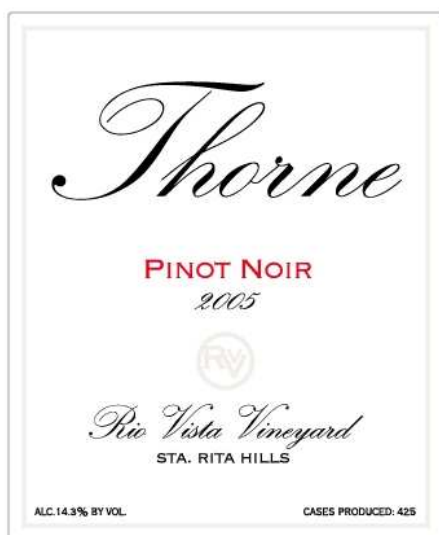


Thorne

Rio Vista Vineyard
STA. RITA HILLS

2005 Pinot Noir



The Thorne Pinot Noir 2005, Rio Vista Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills is our first vintage. Produced in limited quantity, 425 cases, this offering represents a site specific blend of clones 2A, 115, and 777. The 2005 harvest was larger than normal as a result of heavy rains in the winter months followed by an atypical warm spell in August and September.

Each clone was de-stemmed, pressed and fermented separately in new and older French Oak barrels with minimum intervention for seventeen months. The resulting wine is an expression of the unique soils, climate and farming of our vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills Appellation.

A dark ruby color with maroon highlights and a beautiful clarity is the first impression of the 2005 release. This inaugural release exhibits lovely notes of cranberries, cherries, minerality and a beam of floral nuances, most notably of violets.

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