



DEOVLET PINOT NOIR SANFORD & BENEDICT VINEYARD

Ryan Deovlet has garnered a reputation as a star exemplifying the best of the new breed of California winemakers. He's dialed back on new oak and extractions, he's comfortable being among the first to start the harvest, and he concentrates on the vineyards in the Santa Rita Hills to learn their ways.



VINEYARD

- Site:** Sanford & Benedict Vineyard in the Santa Rita Hills, a unique coast range that runs east-west rather than parallelling the coast and so is directly open to the Pacific's cooling influences. The vines are on the south side of the valley at an elevation from 200 to 350 feet.
- Soil:** Calcium-rich clay with fractured shale and diatomaceous earth.
- Vines:** From two blocks planted in 1971 (the original block, Martini clone) and 2011. Hand harvested.
- Varieties:** Pinot Noir.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** 70% destemmed. Aged for 16-18 months in French oak (30% new). No fining or filtration.
- Production:** 150-175 cases.
- Profile:** Complex wine with a beautiful structure and tannin similar to red delicious apple akin, with a slate-like mineral present while remaining fresh and balanced.