



## 2007 PINOT NOIR, "GATEKEEPER", RIO VISTA VINEYARD, STA. RITA HILLS



This vineyard is situated on the southeastern side of Sta. Rita Hills AVA. In 2007 this wine is from 100% Rio Vista Vineyard consisting of three Dijon clones grown on a North-facing hillside. I have had the pleasure of working with the same blocks from this vineyard since the 2002 vintage and with each passing year the wine shows more strength in character as well as finesse.

Dark, cherry red color. Medium full bodied. Scents of spice, sweet black cherries and exotic plums with concentrated floral notes and a nice integration of oak. The palate is refreshing, relaxed, complex and round with delicious mouth watering cherry and blackberry and wonderful acidity on the finish with varietal undertones of rose petals and a hint of minerality.

*"Marked by a racy, zesty, slightly herbaceous edge, which joins trim, tart wild berry and strawberry fruit. Elegant, balanced and distinctive. Drink now through 2014. 426 cases made."*

**James Laube, Wine Spectator**

### Finished Wine Technical Specifications

<b>Vineyard:</b>	100% Rio Vista Vineyard	<b>pH:</b>	3.59
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	September 28, 2007	<b>TA:</b>	6.8 g/L
<b>Sugars at Harvest:</b>	24.7 degrees brix	<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.8% by vol.
<b>pH at Harvest:</b>	3.45	<b>Bottling Date:</b>	August 2008
<b>TA at Harvest:</b>	7.8 g/L	<b>Release Date:</b>	October 2008
<b>Oak:</b>	100% French Oak for 11 months 30% new, 70% seasoned	<b>Suggested Retail:</b>	\$42.00 per bottle
		<b>Number of Cases:</b>	426 cases

10% whole cluster fermentation, 30% stem inclusion, 8 day cold soak, 21 days on skins.

### Vineyard Details

<b>Tons per Acre:</b>	2 - 3 tons per acre	<b>Trellis:</b>	Vertical Shoot Position
<b>Variety:</b>	Pinot Noir	<b>Pruning:</b>	Cordon
<b>Clone:</b>	50% Dijon 777, 25% Dijon 667, 25% Dijon 115	<b>Orientation:</b>	Rows run N-S
<b>Planted:</b>	1998	<b>Slope:</b>	Moderate to steep
<b>Spacing:</b>	8x5 high density (1340 vines/acre)	<b>Aspect:</b>	North
		<b>Soil:</b>	Silty clay loam, 2-3 feet deep