



DOMAINE DE LA CÔTE

We are delighted to be able to offer the latest release from Domaine de la Côte, producers of some of the most “viscerally thrilling Pinot Noirs being made in California today”, according to Antonio Galloni. Rajat Parr and Sashi Moorman, founders and winemakers at “DDLCC”, became friends through a shared love for many of the same wines of France, especially Burgundy. Together they wanted to make the type of wines they love to drink. They dedicated themselves to the search for appellation that would enable them to do this, eventually choosing the Sta. Rita Hills for the finesse and marked acidity its best sites offer. Parr and Moorman count winemakers such as Jean-Marc Roulot, Jeremy Seysses of Dujac, Jim Clendenen of Au Bon Climat and Burt Williams of Williams Selyem as influences; from here they developed their own winemaking philosophy of “add nothing; take nothing away.” Their fastidious vineyard selection and attention to terroir has created elegant, balanced and beautifully vivid Pinot Noirs with a profound sense of place.

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"This new project from Sashi Moorman and Rajat Parr... is even in its first vintage a hallmark of California's achievements with this grape. Astonishing energy in this rare bottling."

-Jon Bonné, top 100 wines

The Domaine plus bulk inventories of wine were purchased from Evening Land Vineyards by acclaimed Sommelier; Raj Parr and his business partner Sashi Moorman, backed by investment at the beginning of 2013. Moorman helped establish Evening Land Vineyards in 2005 as Head Winemaker. Under his direction, the vineyards were planted entirely with Californian heritage selections (rather than Dijon clones) of Pinot Noir at extremely high vine densities between 4,000 and 7,000 vines per acre, unprecedented at the time for the appellation.

Sta. Rita Hills is one of the few regions in the world that grows vines from diatomaceous earth and the diversity of climates at the Domaine is staggering. There are 6 vineyards spread across just 40 acres (16ha), and each vineyard has a unique geology, aspect, elevation and microclimate. Such distinct expression of site, or terroir, in such close proximity, is unparalleled in California.





“When evening land planted this vineyard I was super excited. It was a very unusual planting, a very extreme site and I immediately thought I wanted to make wines from here. You get both delicate and intense Pinot Noir with a natural acidity and low PH Wines.” - Raj Parr

“The very small southern corridor of the Santa Rita Hills has the most exciting dynamics of elevation, soil, temperature, and exposure in Santa Barbara County, and perhaps in all of California. This produces a wide range of climats, and that is exciting for the winemaker and the consumer. Furthermore, the long growing season and naturally high acidities make for wines with wonderful ripeness and elegance at very low alcohols.” – Sashi Moorman

The Domaine was farmed organically between 2007-2016 to cultivate a rich biodiversity and biomass of microbiology. The 2017 growing season marks the transition to biodynamic practices, including use of sulphur only at bottling time (as an increasing number of Burgundians are doing). This maintains healthy and balanced vineyards. The wines are vinified, matured (in neutral oak with no toast), and bottled at the winery in the town of Lompoc in Santa Barbara County, three miles from the Domaine.

At Domaine de la Côte there are 6 vineyards planted over 40 acres on the very western edge of the Santa Rita Hills appellation.

THE VINEYARDS

NAME	SIZE (acres)
Memorious	3.5
Bloom’s Field	7.5
Siren’s Call	3
La Côte	9.5
Sta. Rita Hills AVA	15.5
Clos Juliet	1 (chardonnay)

THE 2015 VINTAGE

ALL TASTING NOTES & SCORES BY ANTONIO GALLONI

“Rajat Parr and Sashi Moorman made a stellar set of wines at Domaine de la Côte. The 2015 Pinot are deep, fleshy and layered. In particular, the integration of the whole clusters is better than it has been in the past. This cool-climate, marginal site struggles pretty much every year. In 2015, though, all the elements came together to yield a fabulous set of Pinot Noirs. Sadly, yields are down sharply, as they are throughout the region. Parr added that tanks were about a third full during fermentation.”

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WINE	SCORE	ANTICIPATED MATURITY	TOTAL PRODUCTION	£ PER CASE 6x75cl
2015 Memorious	94 AG	2018 - 2027	376 cases	240
“Domaine de la Côte’s 2015 Pinot Noir Memorious is fabulous. Sweet floral notes and red-toned fruits give the wine its brilliant, focused personality. Deeply colored and beautifully textured, the 2015 Memorious is a real stunner. The flavors are pristine and nuanced throughout. What a gorgeous wine this is!”				
2015 Bloom’s Field	95 AG	2020 - 2030	508 cases	300
“The 2015 Pinot Noir Bloom’s Field is another magnificent wine from Domaine de la Côte. Floral and savory notes make a strong opening statement, but the Bloom’s Field also has more than enough depth to balance the more lifted elements that are present. The tannins need time to soften, but the Bloom’s Field is shaping up to be a jewel of a wine.”				
2015 La Côte	93+ AG	2020 - 2030	370 cases	372
“The 2015 Pinot Noir La Côte possesses inner density and depth that give it an inward, implosive feel. A dollop of whole clusters adds some aromatic nuance. It will be interesting to see if the 2015 opens up over time. Today, it is quite reticent and not ready to show all of its cards.”				
2015 Siren’s Call	95 AG	2020 - 2030		POA
“The 2015 Pinot Noir Siren’s Call is another terrific example of this freakish vintage. Intensely savory, mineral and focused, the 2015 is the most classically austere of the Pinots in the range. The 2015 needs time to be at its best, but it is compelling. In 2015, this site produced just one barrel of wine from three acres of vineyards.”				