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## 2024 CLOS PEPE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

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### WINEMAKER NOTES

Sourced from a renowned site in the Sta. Rita Hills, our sole wine from outside the Santa Lucia Highlands, this Pinot Noir shows a notably ripe and generous expression shaped by the region's marine-influenced climate. Aromas of dark cherry, dried fruit, toasted cream, and spice give way to violet and cocoa. The medium-full palate moves from foresty dark fruit into rounder red tones, finishing with notes of pencil shavings and hints of pomegranate and tobacco. Balanced acidity supports its depth and structure.

**Winemaker:** Scott Shapley

**Appellation:** Sta. Rita Hills

**Farming:** Sustainable (SIP Certified)

**Harvest:** September 17, 2024

**Clones:** Pommard, 115

**Oak:** 100% French oak, 69% new

**Aging:** 10 months in barrel

**Acid:** 3.56 pH

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**2024:** *Not yet rated*

**2023:** 95 pts, Wine Enthusiast

**2022:** 94 pts, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW

94 pts, Jeb Dunnuck

**2021:** 94+ pts, Jeb Dunnuck

93 pts, Wine Spectator

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Only our fourth release from this iconic Santa Rita Hills property, this wine offers a rich and inviting profile. Aromas of cherry, red fruit, and graphite set the stage. On the palate, darker fruit tones of dark berry and cherry dominate, complemented by hints of caramel and ripe melon through the mid-palate. The finish is lush and balanced, with full fruit, a toasty edge, and grippy, textured tannins. Bright acidity enhances the wine's depth and length. Here at Clos Pepe, the Hall family showcases their commitment to holistic wine growing.

**Winemaker:** Scott Shapley

**Appellation:** Sta. Rita Hills

**Farming:** Sustainable (SIP Certified)

**Harvest:** October 9, 2023

**Clones:** 115, Pommard

**Oak:** 100% French oak, 57% new

**Aging:** 10 months in barrel

**Acid:** 3.7 pH

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**2023:** 95 pts, Wine Enthusiast

**2022:** 94 pts, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW

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**2021:** 94+ pts, Jeb Dunnuck

93 pts, Wine Spectator

**2020:** 93 pts, Antonio Galloni's Vinous

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