



HARTFORD  
COURT

## FIDDLESTIX VINEYARD

STA. RITA HILLS • PINOT NOIR

2018

### VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Fiddlestix vineyard is farmed by the delightful Kathy Joseph and her team and sits on the western edge of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. We produce this wine from two of the steepest of 32 small blocks on the site. Cold Pacific Ocean breezes and fog move down this transverse valley and cools down the vineyard considerably. The elevation of our blocks is an average of 300 feet above sea level, compared to almost 500 feet for the Truly Rita site and therefore the soils are a little darker and slightly richer here.

### TASTING NOTES

Due to slightly richer soils, dark cherry and plum aromas are framed by notes of purple flowers. The mouthfeel is highly textured and rich, with juicy cherry and plum flavors being complemented by a salinity and minerality that gives the wine a long and elegant finish.

### WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak; 29% new
Time in oak:	17 months
Alcohol:	13.6%
TA:	6.0 g/L
pH:	3.43
Cases produced:	168

### HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2018	<b>94 points</b>	A.G., <i>Vinous</i> , August 2020
2018	<b>93 points</b>	L.P.-B., <i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i> , January 2020
2017	<b>91 points</b>	A.G., <i>Vinous</i> , April 2020
2017	<b>90+ points</b>	L.P.-B., <i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i> , February 2020

