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# Melville Winery

A Holistic Family Winery Defining the Santa Rita Hills for Decades

**"Off-the-charts good... these are some of the greatest values in the world of wine today" - The Wine Advocate**

Melville places great importance on being an “estate” winery, meaning they work exclusively with fruit from vineyards that they own and tend themselves, in addition to controlling all aspects of making and selling the wines.

Our ultimate goal is to nurture the land, vines, and fruit in order to maintain the purest forms of each possible. As such, all of the most crucial work is done in the vineyard with a holistic approach. Farming aggressively, yet carefully, helps encourage the vines to produce small amounts of intensely concentrated fruit.”

The winery, which was established in 1996, started when Ron Melville purchased 40 acres of land in what is now the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. He immediately planted 16 clones of Pinot Noir, 6 clones of Chardonnay and 9 clones of Syrah. Ever since, Melville Winery has been family owned and operated.

Of course, since then they’ve grown a bit. They currently have 120 acres of vineyards—85 of which are dedicated to Pinot Noir—to produce their 100% estate wines. Working exclusively with grapes from their own vineyards allows the Melvilles to control all aspects of winemaking, from vineyard management to production.

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