



2004 Estate Chardonnay – *Santa Rita Hills*

\$26/bottle

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production

This wine is 100% Santa Rita Hills from our Lompoc estate and is a combination of clones 4, 76 and 96, planted on well-drained sandy-loam soils. Yields averaged 3.8 lbs/plant in our tightly spaced vineyard of 8 x 3 spacing equating to 1,815 vines/acre. The fruit was hand-harvested then gently whole-cluster pressed, cold-settled overnight and transferred by gravity to barrel for fermentation with 20% new French oak entirely from Damy, partial malo-lactic ($\pm 30\%$) and subsequent sur lie aging without any lees disturbance. 15.3% alcohol.

tasting notes

Stylistically similar to previous chardonnays from our Santa Rita Hills estate with refined aromatics of candied lemon, lime skin, orange blossom and citrus oil. It is pure and clean with additional hints of crushed white rock, orange rind, orange melon and lemon tart. These motifs continue wrapping around the palate keeping the wine laser crisp and fresh offering added complexity and texture finishing with great drive.

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