



## 2005 Chardonnay – *Sta. Rita Hills*

\$26/bottle

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### **production**

This wine is 100% from our Sta. Rita Hills estate and is a combination of clones 4, 76, and 95, planted on well-drained sandy-loam soils. The fruit was harvested by hand then gently whole-cluster pressed, cold settled overnight and transferred by gravity to barrel for fermentation in 10% new French oak, partial malolactic ( $\pm 15\%$ ) and subsequent sur lie aging without any lees disturbance. 15.3% alcohol.

### **tasting notes**

*Radiant with a lively golden hue, this wine is loaded with racy candied lemons and limes. These margarita-like nuances also couple with refreshing hints of pear, cumquats, crushed rock and salt. White floral aromatics drift towards gardenia and orange-flower mixing with wild scents of lavender and honey. Texturally, it is laser crisp and fresh, while yellow dried-fruit elements of prickly-pear and papaya add weight and mouthfeel, finishing the wine completely and dynamically.*

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