



## **2013 Estate Chardonnay - *Sta. Rita Hills***

This wine is 100% from our Sta. Rita Hills estate and is a combination of clones 4, 76, and 95, along with Mount Eden, Hanzell, Hudson, Wente, and Melville selections. Our chardonnay is planted predominantly on the west side of our estate where we have several different types of sandy soils. Because the west side receives the brunt of brutal ocean-winds and has only poor soils, we feel our chardonnay always captures the vibrancy, minerality, and concentrated flavors that are hallmarks of our appellation. Fruit was harvested by hand then gently whole-cluster pressed, cold settled overnight and transferred by gravity to barrel for fermentation in neutral barrels (5 to 20 year old French oak), with zero malolactic and sur lie aging without any lees disturbance. Yields were 3.4 lbs/vine (3.0 tons/acre).

**Parker: 91 points – Jeb Dunnuck**

**Galloni: 93 points – Antonio Galloni**

**Wine Enthusiast: 93 Points – Matt Kettmann**

***tasting notes:*** *Pale gold in color with bright aromatics of grilled lime, dried stone fruit, lemon cucumber and magnolia blossom emerging from the glass. Fresh and vibrant on the palate, notes of macadamia oil, star fruit and agave nectar mingle with salty nuances of sea urchin, fleur du sel and nori leaf. The mouthfeel is rich and unctuous with a firm streak of acidity maintaining the wines' focus and drive.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

100% Chardonnay

Cases Produced: 5,217

Clones: 4, 76, 95, Mount Eden, Hanzell, Hudson, Wente, Melville

Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (5 to 20 year old French oak)

Alcohol: 14.0%

Release: July, 2014

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