



2014 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 French oak barrels (10 to 20 years old), with zero malolactic and sur lie aging without any lees disturbance. Yields were 3.1 lbs/vine (3.0 tons/acre).

Antonio Galloni: 92 points

Wine Enthusiast: 90 points

***tasting notes:** Delicate brass in color, with fruit driven aromatics of grilled pineapple, lemon zest, white peach and orange blossom springing from the glass. On the palate, notes of honey, fresh ginger and tarragon mingle with weightier impressions of sourdough bread, salted caramel and agave nectar. The wine boasts a rich and polished mouthfeel with a generous streak of acidity that anchors a chiseled and precise finish.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

100% Chardonnay

Cases Produced: 4,046

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

Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (10 to 20 year old French oak)

Alcohol: 14.0%