



WINEMAKER NOTES

SAMsARA's Chardonnay from Zotovich Vineyard is a bright, zesty, mineral-rich example of Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay. The nose bursts with fruit - kiwi, key lime, and grapefruit and has a wonderful sea spray quality. On the palate this wine is textural, with racy acidity that rounds out on the finish like a bite of key lime pie; it starts with tart fruit and finishes with a soft creaminess. Every year we find that Chardonnay from Zotovich Vineyard is the most Chablis-like bottling we produce.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	152
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills AVA
Varietal composition:	100% Chardonnay
Clonal selection:	76
Soil at site:	Sand/DE/Limestone
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 18 months
Alcohol:	12.4%
Brix:	21.0
pH at harvest:	3.27
Finished pH:	3.28
Finished TA:	7g/L
Harvest date:	8/28/20, 9/2/20
Bottling date:	March 2022
Release date:	Spring 2022

2020 VINTAGE

2020 was a whirlwind harvest in a less-than-normal year. Fruit came in relatively early due to a warm summer, but fruit quality was incredibly high. With decent rainfall, vines were healthy and a warm spring helped usher in a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in late August. A bit of heat at the beginning of harvest kicked things off with a bang, but moderate temperatures throughout the fall kept Rhônes on the vine a little longer. The 2020 wines show good flavor concentration and depth, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

ZOTOVICH VINEYARD

An optimal growing site for Chardonnay and other varieties, Zotovich Vineyard is comprised of 35 acres in the northern part of the Sta. Rita Hills between Buellton and Lompoc. The vineyard is made up of mostly diatomaceous earth and sandy loam soils that create intense, mineral-driven wines.

ACCOLADES

92 Points - *Vinous* The 2020 Chardonnay Zotovich Vineyard soft, open-knit and quite accessible. Bright saline notes, citrus, white flowers, mint and crushed rocks are nicely delineated in this delicate, understated Chardonnay from SAMsARA. Light tropical notes emerge over time, adding further layers of nuance. This is a super-classic Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay from sandy soils. - Antonio Galloni

92 Points - *Wine Enthusiast* There's a hint of toasty oak on the nose of this bottling alongside the crisp stone-fruit and white-flower aromas. The palate sizzles with a zesty acidity, offering tightly woven Key lime pie and lychee flavors. - Matt Kettmann