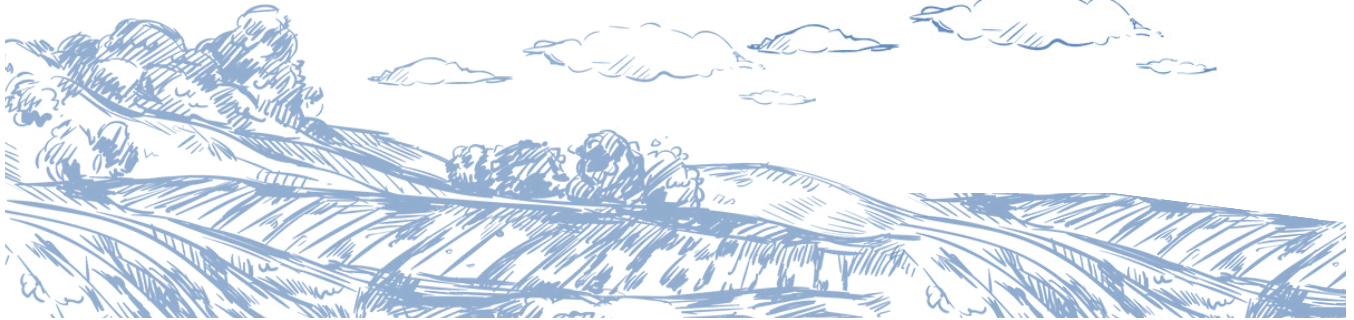


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2020 CHARDONNAY
RADIAN VINEYARD
STA. RITA HILLS AVA
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



WINEMAKER NOTES

Mineral-driven and austere, this beautiful Chardonnay is drinking incredibly upon release, and will age gracefully for the next 5-10 years. The focus and depth of this wine keeps it bright on the palate while also texturally complex. So many layers of citrus fruit, tart tropical notes, brioche and sea spray make this wine captivating and luxurious. A real stunner from the 2020 vintage.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	109
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills AVA
Varietal composition:	100% Chardonnay
Clonal selection:	95
Soil at site:	Sand/DE/Loam 100% neutral French oak
Barrels Aging:	18 months
Alcohol:	12.8%
Brix:	21.4
pH at harvest:	3.28
Finished pH:	3.34
Finished TA:	6.2g/L
Harvest date:	9/19/2020
Bottling date:	3/15/2022
Release date:	Fall 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.

RADIAN VINEYARD

Raidan Vineyard is the sister vineyard to Bentrack, both located on the old Salsipuedes ranch. Radian is the western part of the ranch and butts up against the western perimeter of the Santa Rita Hills AVA along Santa Rosa Road. Whereas Bentrack Vineyard is more gentle rolling hills, Radian has really steep vineyard blocks. We have pinot noir there planted at the top of the hill where it's most exposed to the wind and the cold and the fog. Often we'll go out there during harvest, up to the top of the hill where our block is and it feels like a "fog hurricane" because the wind and fog are so intense! You can't see six feet ahead of you in those conditions.

ACCOLADES

94 Points - *Vinous* The 2020 Chardonnay Radian is infused with tons of energy and cut. Crushed rocks, lemon peel, white pepper and pear are nicely delineated. The Radian is quite a bit more chiseled and focused than the Bentrack, always a fascinating comparison given the proximity of the two ranches. - Antonio Galloni

94 Points - *Jeb Dunnuck* The 2020 Chardonnay Radian Vineyard has a touch more classy oak on the nose, with beautiful stone fruits, honey citrus, chalky mineral, and subtle iodine nuances. It too is medium-bodied, has bright acidity, beautiful balance, and a great finish. -Jeb Dunnuck