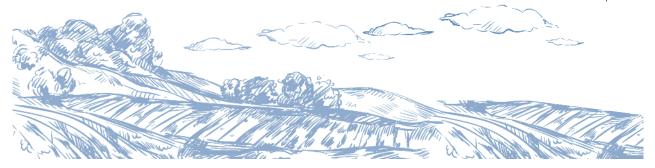


# 2022 CHARDONNAY RADIAN VINEYARD

STA. RITA HILLS AVA SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



## WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 Radian Chardonnay opens with aromas of browned butter and crisp orchard fruit, offering a compelling interplay between richness and freshness. On the palate, notes of Bosc pear and waxy quince add textural depth, while a soft herbaceous thread—think lemon verbena & tarragon—lends nuance and lift. A savory, creamy core complements the wine's coastal tension, showcasing the cool-climate precision and layered complexity that define this site.

#### WINEMAKING

Cases: 41

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition: 100% Chardonnay

Clonal selection: 95

Soil at site: Loam/Clay/DE/Chert

Barrels | Aging: 100% neutral French oak |

16 months

Alcohol: 12.3%

 Brix:
 21.0

 pH at harvest:
 3.15

 Finished pH:
 3.02

 Finished TA:
 7.1 g/L

 Harvest date:
 9/14/2022

 Bottling date:
 3/22/2024

 Release date:
 March 2025

## 2022 VINTAGE

2022 started off with a slightly later bud-break, and moderate weather through the spring and summer. Low yields across the board with all varietals and vineyards made the Labor-Day heat wave extra impactful and forced us to move quickly into harvest mode. Once the early ripening varietals were picked, the classic SB long growing season returned, and the final Rhone varietal grapes weren't harvested until late October. The 2022 wines retain their freshness and balance, with great flavor concentration and depth, and an extra kiss of sunshine.

### RADIAN VINEYARD

Radian Vineyard is the sister vineyard to Bentrock, 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 Bentrock Vineyard has 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, cold, and fog. Often we'll go out to our block at the top of the hill during harvest 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**

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