

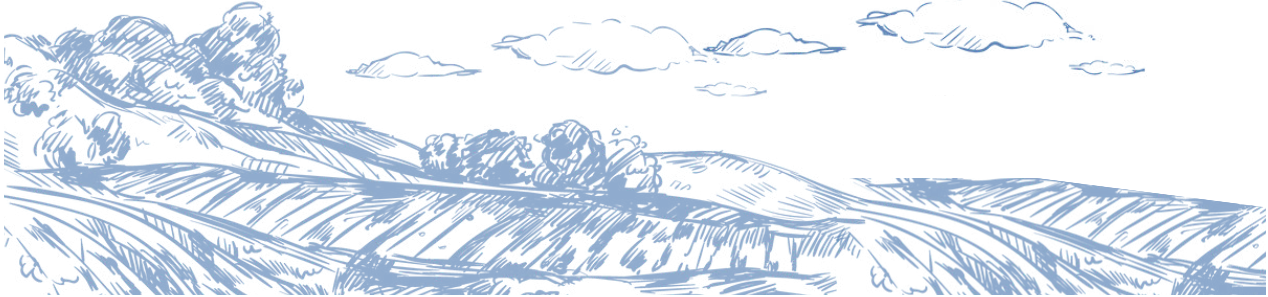
# SAMSARA



## WINE CO

## 2023 CHARDONNAY BENTROCK VINEYARD

STA. RITA HILLS AVA  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



### WINEMAKER NOTES

A powerful and commanding wine. Smoky matchstick and gunflint aromatics lead into preserved lemon, crushed oyster shell, and lemongrass. Broad and ripe in expression but with incredible tension—unctuous yet laced with piercing acidity. Savory hints of bay leaf add depth. Built to evolve.

### WINEMAKING

Cases:	108
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Chardonnay
Clonal selection:	95
Soil at site:	Loam/Chert/ Diatomaceous Earth
Barrels   Aging:	17 months   100% neutral French oak
Alcohol:	12.2%
Brix:	20.8
pH at harvest:	3.23
Finished pH:	3.22
Finished TA:	7.6 g/L
Harvest date:	9/26/2023
Bottling date:	3/28/2025
Release date:	Winter 2025

### 2023 VINTAGE

The 2023 wines show an intensity and vibrance that can only come from an extreme long and cool winegrowing season. 2023 had the latest harvest dates in the modern Sta. Rita Hills winemaking era. The winter was cold and wet with record rainfall. An especially grey/overcast spring led to an extended 'flowering' period. Cool weather continued through the summer. Finally in mid-September we got a late 'Labor Day' heatwave and that final kiss of sunshine, combined with the extra-long hangtime, makes the vintage sing on all levels: bright acidity from the cool season, ripe rich flavors from the long hangtime, and a high level of balance.

### BENTROCK VINEYARD

Bentrock Vineyard is the westernmost planting along Santa Rosa Road on the old Salsipuedes Ranch (The ranch was broken into two vineyards, Radian and Bentrock). Even on warm days in the valley, it is still breezy and cold at Bentrock. The soils are complex. The soils are sandy but there is some variability with some richer parts as well lots of interesting limestone and sandstone, even a little bit of shale. Bentrock is one of those cool climate sites where the style works really well for SAMsARA because we're able to make an acid-driven style where fruit is picked on the early side; fresh and bright, but the resulting wine has tons of depth, texture and complexity.

### ACCOLADES

**95 points - James Suckling** Mouthwatering, energetic and deeply savory, this chardonnay has a gunpowder-flecked spine that mingles with salted lemons, hard orchard and stone fruits, white spices and seashells. Long and layered. Drink or hold. - **James Suckling**

**90 points - Vinous** The 2023 Chardonnay Bentrock Vineyard is tart, zippy and angular, with energy to burn. Readers who prefer Chardonnay built around mineral intensity, vibrancy and lively acids will find plenty to like here. - **Antonio Galloni**