



2021 PATTERSON CHARDONNAY

VINTAGE	2021
VARIETY	Chardonnay
APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD	Patterson Vineyard
ALC/VOL	12.7%
PRODUCTION	95 Cases
VESSEL	500L Puncheon
FERMENTATION	Indigenous
ÉLEVAGE	10 Mo. in Puncheon, 6 Mo. in Stainless Steel Tank

VINEYARD

Like Sanford & Benedict, Patterson is a north-facing site. We cherish this aspect (especially for Chardonnay) as it slows sugar accumulation and prevents acidity from falling precipitously as harvest approaches. Patterson is the highest elevation site in the appellation, but unlike these sites, the soils are heavier, clay-based soils that yield a more texturally generous wine.

TASTING NOTES

The Santa Rosa Hills guarding its back and flanks, Patterson's altitude and shelter from the wind yield a soft and familiar but tight aromatic profile. Even if a little shy, notes of chalk and lemon curd coat the nose. It's quite Chablisienne this way. As if to assure its friendliness and California provenance the palate is more expansive, ushering in a whoosh of salted citrus flesh, green apple and a dapple of cream. Wonderful fruit density, smooth texture; all elements taken together recall crisp California Chardonnays of a bygone era. Though this wine suggests a renaissance is underway.

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