

2021 ROMANCE CHARDONNAY

VINTAGE 2021

VARIETY Chardonnay

APPELLATION Sta. Rita Hills

ALC/VOL 12.8%

PRODUCTION 316 Cases

VESSEL 500L Puncheon

FERMENTATION Indigenous

ÉLEVAGE 10 Mo. in Puncheon

6 Mo. in Stainless Steel Tank

VINEYARD

In Burgundy, there is a simple delineation between a Maison (where grapes are purchased) and a Domaine (where vineyards are owned and farmed by the winery). Romance Chardonnay comes from our Domaine de la Côte estate vineyards on the very western edge of the Sta. Rita Hills. The wine is concentrated and dense. There is so much going on with this wine that it will evolve slowly and beautifully over time. We believe wholeheartedly that Romance Chardonnay will become the new benchmark for Chardonnay in the Sta. Rita Hills.

TASTING NOTES

A younger planting below Domaine de la Côte, Romance exudes the same near-paradoxical freshness and strength of the vines above it. The intensity of this south-facing, wind-battered Chardonnay is immediately felt. Orchard fruit and flint lead the nose while citrus blossoms recalling the bright, vernal label explode on the palate. Mineral, lithe, with incredible depth and texture, rich fruit, nuttiness and acidity frame the entire package. The polished finish carries these elements for minutes. Though outgoing and ready, this cuvée still has so much to offer in the coming years. It is a refined, joyful wine, conveyed with power and trueness to site.

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