

SANFORD & BENEDICT STA. RITA HILLS CHARDONNAY

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VINTAGE	2021
VARIETY	Chardonnay
APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
ALC/VOL	12.9%
PRODUCTION	332 Cases
VESSEL	500L Puncheon
FERMENTATION	Indigenous
ÉLEVAGE	10 mo. in puncheon, 6 mo. in stainless steel tank

VINEYARD

This north-facing site, first planted in 1971 and comprised of rich and silex soils, imbues the wine with character and depth made possible by the site itself, and the mature, own-rooted vines. This vineyard is a touchstone for the Santa Rita Hills, and an integral part of the story of Sandhi.

TASTING NOTES

Hailing from 50-year-old vines on their own roots, this cuvée is transparent and focused, a portal into the most famed of Santa Rita Hills' windswept sites. The nose is oceanic, a mix of salty citrus, chalk and baked nuts that meets levity and a lightly baked quality on the palate. The wine sings with nerve and acidity but concentration just the same. Its unapologetically mineral backbone provides the perfect canvas for a linear, balanced Chardonnay. This bottling shows both the cool vintage and coastal terroir.

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