

## 2021 STA. RITA HILLS CHARDONNAY

VINTAGE 2021

VARIETY Chardonnay

APPELLATION Santa Rita Hills

ALC/VOL 12.8%

PRODUCTION 4,536 Cases

VESSEL 500L Puncheon

FERMENTATION Indigenous

ÉLEVAGE 8 months in puncheon, 6 months in tank

## VINETAGE CONDITIONS

We take seriously the challenge of crafting a noteworthy village-level wine from the Sta. Rita Hills. This has meant relying more and more on fruit grown at our own Domaine de la Côte estate vineyards. With the 2021 vintage, the percentage of estate grown fruit reaches a high watermark of 90%.

## TASTING NOTES

2021 marks the inclusion of higher pedigree Chardonnay than years past, and the bump in quality shows. It is a blend of just two vineyards – Hines Family Estate and Domaine de la Côte. Dense in fruit, candied citrus peel, nectarine, sea salt and a hint of spice make way for briny, blazing acidity. The oak is well-integrated, adding texture to tang.

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