



2022 Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay



VARIETAL
Chardonnay

FERMENTATION
Indigenous

PRODUCTION
4,198 cases

ALC/VOL
12.9%

APPELLATION
Sta. Rita Hills

VESSEL
500L puncheon

VINEYARDS
Domaine de la Côte
William Hines Vineyard

ÉLEVAGE
10 mos. in 500L puncheon
6 mos. in stainless steel tank

TASTING NOTES

Pale straw and limpid in the glass, this wine is just as clear, and classic, an example of Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay. Green fruits of Bartlett pear and honeydew meet mock orange and a subtle creaminess and spice to deliver a juicy, acid-driven wine of finesse, texture and minerality. Lees influence only enhances this well-rounded profile.

VINEYARD

The 2022 Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay follows the 2021 bottling with a wine of nearly identical provenance yet a distinct profile. Like the 2021, it was sourced predominantly from Domaine de la Côte, supplemented by William Hines Vineyard.

The 2022 growing season began with a short winter followed by a cool summer and spring, before sustained high temperatures hit the Sta. Rita Hills in late August. Luckily, Chardonnay was harvested after this heat spell, and Domaine de la Côte's position at the far western end of the Sta. Rita Hills, within striking distance of the Pacific Ocean, retained ample acidity and elegance in the grapes.

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