



BARDEN



Sta. Rita Hills

2019 Pinot Blanc
La Encantada Vineyard

BARDEN focuses exclusively on the terroir of the Sta. Rita Hills sourcing fruit from top vineyards in the appellation, showcasing the region's classic typicity for Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah. With its diverse, marine-based soils and refrigerated-sunlight climate, the Sta. Rita Hills provides a perfect place for Doug "Barden" Margerum to leverage his years of food and wine experience to make limited amounts of world-class, cuisine-friendly and age-worthy wines. The BARDEN name's English meaning is "Lives near the boar's den..." Thus the image of a wild boar, which is pervasive in our area's vineyards.

Vineyard Region Sta. Rita Hills – La Encantada, planted in 2000. AVA Description – Sta Rita Hills, Santa Rosa Road, North facing slopes on uplifted oceanic sedimentary deposits, valley oriented in east-west direction allowing cool ocean air to roll in each evening bringing cool, damp air that pushes back the warmer interior valley heat. Foggy mornings also limit sun exposure along with cooler temps that depress plant growth and subsequent yield.

Vintage Conditions 2019 was an outstanding vintage. It was a very cold winter and a very mild spring and summer leading to slow maturation and long hang times for increased complexities. Harvest was much later in the summer which allows us to harvest under kinder conditions – there were essentially no heat spikes which tend to cause panic and backups in the winery. We are, and have been, very excited about vintage 2019 and we are proud to release this astonishingly complex and savory Pinot Blanc.

Harvest Date September 24th, 2018

Winemaking The Grapes were picked for a balance of flavor, acidity and low alcohol, barrel fermented in our 55-degree winery, partially inoculated for malolactic fermentation and battonaged for 3 months. Barrel Type: Stainless Tank ~ Time in Barrel: 10 months ~ Production in Cases: 173 cases

Wine Analysis & Production Harvest Date: 9/25/2018 Brix (at harvest): 23.7 Alcohol: 13.9 pH: 3.10 TA: 6.0

Winemaker Comments

Color Light golden with straws hues. Bright.

Aroma Creamy, hints of apples and rich tropical fruit.

Palate The rich full palate mingles with notes of pineapple and citrus, leading to a crisp, complex finish. We recommend this wine for dining with sophisticated friends.

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