



BARDEN



Sta. Rita Hills

2021 Chardonnay

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 Douglas "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 Rinconada clones 76 & 96 (78%), Sanford & Benedict (11%), and Clos Pepe (11%).

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had a cool spring and mild summer temperatures that extended the growing season. Harvest began in the fall allowing for increased flavors due to hang time. The weather was mild, and we had a long timeframe in which to carefully pick for optimal flavors. Yields were slightly above average, but the weather cooperated permitting us to have pronounced flavors and aromatics. We are very happy with the quality of the wine and the "numbers" (pH, TA, Alc.) are perfect resulting in very balanced wines and one of the best vintages in the last twenty years.

Winemaking: Picked for opulent flavors, barrel fermented in 55-degree winery, full malolactic fermentation and battonaged for 4 months.

Maturation: Aged 10 months sur lie in 60% new French oak barriques and 40% in one-year old barriques from and François Frères, Ermitage and Quintessence.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol 13.1% pH 3.52, and TA 5.6 g/L.

Production: 401 cases produced

Winemaker Notes

Color: White and yellow gold.

Aroma: Intense yellow citrus and yuzu mix with exuberant aromas of citrus blossom, honey and vanilla.

Palate: Lemon curd, white and yellow stone fruit are balanced with a creamy texture, minerals and Asian pear. Rich, energetic, concentrated and a long finish.

Peak Drinking: Now and up to twenty plus years

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