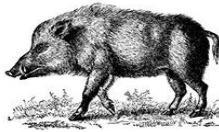


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Sta. Rita Hills

2022 Sparkling Rosé

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: 100% Sta. Rita Hills –Spear Vineyard, Pinot Noir, Clone 115

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had a cool spring and mild summer temperatures that extended the growing season. Harvest began in the last half of August and the weather that followed had the usual summer heat waves. It was a very quick and even harvest with yields that were average to below average helping to produce pronounced flavors and aromatics. Most importantly for us is that we did not have the fires that plagued the vineyards to the north. We are very happy with the quality of the wine and the "numbers" (pH, TA, Alc.) have been right on resulting in very balanced wines.

Winemaking: Picked for opulent flavors at a lower sugar level, primary fermentation was completed and secondary fermentation was allowed partial completion. We then blended the base wine for an additional fermentation in bottle.

Maturation: Aged 10 months in a mixture of stainless steel and neutral French oak. The wine was then aged an additional two years "en tirage" creating the defining bubbles. Disgorged and bottled sans dosage - without dosage. Which quite literally means no added sugar, wine, or liqueur.

Additional Information: This wine was bottled with minimal cold stabilization. Harmless tartrate crystals may form when chilled.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol 11.5%, pH 3.25, and TA 7.8 g/L.

Production: 223 cases produced

Winemaker Notes:

Color: Light salmon, bordering on straw, with a bright, delicate clarity.

Aroma: Refined pastry notes with gentle floral lift, hinting at violet and subtle lees-derived complexity.

Palate: Tiny, precise, integrated bubbles carried by focused, spinal acidity and a delicate, creamy mousse. Subtle red fruit with a touch of phenolic grip, followed by pastry tones that add depth, not weight.

Peak Drinking: Now and up to twenty-plus years.

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