



BARDEN



Sta. Rita Hills

2022 Pinot Noir, Sanford and Benedict 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 Douglas "Barden" Margerum to leverage his forty 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 – 100%, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard - 90% Clone 667 and 10% Clone 777

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had ideal growing conditions for most of the year and mild summer temperatures until an extended Labor Day heat wave hit. We were ready and harvested most of the early ripening varieties before and right at the beginning of the heat. Of course, that was followed by rain but after that the weather was mild, and we had a long timeframe for the remainder of harvest in which to carefully pick for optimal flavors. Yields were slightly below average. The weather cooperated for the remainder of the year permitting us to pick and process to produce wines with excellent flavors and abundant aromatics.

Winemaking: The fruit was all hand sorted, 50% percentage of whole cluster, a 7-day cold soak and a natural (wild) fermentation. Only free-run wine used, 19-month maturation on full lees, bottled un-fined and unfiltered.

Maturation: This wine was matured for 19 months in 100% new French oak 300L barrels.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol 13.5%, pH 3.63, and TA 5 g/L

Production: 58 cases produced.

Winemaker Comments

Color: Black and violet hues.

Aroma: Concentrated red and blue fruit aromas mixed with plum and blackberries.
Subtle hints of brioche and toast.

Palate: Rich plum and dark fruit, firm structure with dark cherries.

Peak Drinking: Now and up to twenty plus years

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