

## 2015 Chardonnay

Our 2015 Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay comes exclusively from our two estate vineyards in the heart of this cool climate appellation. The 2015 vintage was early and followed a dry, warm year. Fortunately, the growing season passed without extreme heat, resulting in concentrated flavors with bright acid. By gently whole cluster pressing and barrel fermentation in French oak, this Chardonnay has lovely texture to balance the vibrant palate. This full bodied wine has nice acidity to keep it in balance and makes a nice complement to most seafood, poultry and pasta with lighter sauces, and makes an excellent pairing with mushrooms (especially chanterelles and morels.)

**Appellation:** Santa Rita Hills

**Varietals:** 100% Chardonnay

**Aroma:** Intriguing aromas of grilled citrus, stone fruits and roasted almond

**Taste:** In addition to the bright fruit, the palate has racy minerality, great structure and a long finish

**Fermentation:** Gently whole cluster pressing and barrel fermentation in French Oak

**Aging:** 9 months in French Oak (25% new)

**Brix at Harvest:** 23.4

**pH:** 3.28

**TA:** 6.2 g/l

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

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Case: 6 pk

### Features

- 100% estate grown fruit from our two estate vineyards in the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills: Sanford & Benedict Vineyard and La Rinconada Vineyard
- The Sta. Rita Hills enjoy one of the longest growing seasons in California due to the unique east-west traversing valley
- Barrel fermented to balance vibrant acidity with soft texture while preserving the essence of the fruit

### Benefits

- Optimal fruit sourcing and quality assurance from a Santa Barbara pioneer
- Cool climate, maritime influenced conditions create ripe yet balanced flavors
- Fresh and complex style provides ultimate versatility in food pairing

### Competitive Set:

- Sonoma-Cutrer
- Ferrari- Carano
- Mer Soleil

