

## 2012 Chardonnay

Our 2012 Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay comes exclusively from our two estate vineyards in the heart of this cool climate appellation. The 2012 vintage was near perfect, with just enough heat to ripen the fruit. By gently whole cluster pressing and barrel fermentation in French oak, this Chardonnay has lovely texture to balance the vibrant palate. Our 2012 estate Chardonnay offers intriguing aromas of lemon peel, nectarine and toasted hazelnut. In addition to the bright fruit, this wine has aromas of white flowers. On the palate the minerality and acidity give this wine great structure, which carries through its long finish. 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:** Sta. Rita Hills

**Varietals:** 100% Chardonnay

**Fermentation:** Barrel fermented in French oak (20% new),  
100% malolactic fermentation

**Aging:** 14 months in French Oak, 20% new

**Brix at Harvest:** 24.0

**pH:** 3.2

**TA:** 6.2 g/L

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Total Cases:** 3,400

### 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



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 Case: 12 pack