



2019 BENTROCK VINEYARD CHARDONNAY



Racines is a collaboration by two classic houses from France, led by Etienne de Montille and Brian Sieve of Burgundy and Rodolphe Peters of Champagne. The team came together to join their individual experiences in hand-crafting wines of purity and transparency to create a range of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the cool climate of the Sta. Rita Hills in California.

VINEYARD

From the quickly becoming famous plantings to the western end of Santa Rosa Road, we are lucky to work with two parcels of Chardonnay. Both north facing, the first sits atop the vineyard looking out over the Sta. Rita Hills on very rocky soils, in an extremely exposed and windy perch. The second, a little lower and with more soil, sits just to the east and is protected by the hilltop our other piece sits on.

PRODUCTION

The wines were fermented in a combination of 500L puncheons, 350L barrels and 228L barriques, resulting in about 25% new oak on the wine. After just under a year in barrel, the wines and all the lees were moved to tank for an additional six months of cellaring.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Alcohol

13%

Elevage

11 months - 25% new French oak -
7 months in stainless steel

Soil Types

Santa Lucia shaly clay loam,
Tierra sandy loam

Cases Produced

546

A gorgeous wine, the 2019 Chardonnay Bentrrock Vineyard dazzles with its purity and translucence. Crushed rocks, lemon confit, white flowers and mint give the 2019 its brilliant, sculpted personality. Soaring aromatics and bright saline accents build into the regal finish.

96 points

- ANTONIO GALLONI, VINOUS