

# Racines

## 2020 SANFORD & BENEDICT 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.

### VINEYARDS

From the famous Sanford & Benedict Vineyard with our portion coming from the historic parcel of original plantings dating back to 1971. These Chardonnay vines are the oldest vines in the Sta. Rita Hills and situated on a gently north facing slope with thin soils consisting of lots of shale and chert.

### PRODUCTION

The wines were fermented in a combination of 500L puncheons, 350L barrels and 228L barriques, resulting in about 30% new wood on the wine. After a little under a year in barrel, the wines and all the lees were moved to tank for an additional seven months of cellaring.

### TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### *Elevage*

11 months - 30% new French oak - 7 months in stainless steel

#### *Alcohol*

13.2%

#### *Soil Type*

Elder chert & shale over clay