

Racines

2018 STA. RITA HILLS CHARDONNAY



Racines is a collaboration by Etienne de Montille and Brian Sieve of Burgundy, Rodolphe Peters of Champagne, and Justin Willett of Santa Barbara. 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 SOURCE

A blend of chardonnay from the sites we work with in the Santa Rita Hills, the majority coming from La Mesa Vineyard and the Wenzlau Vineyard. La Mesa Vineyard, which sits to the very western edge of the Sta. Rita Hills, is leased to us by Domaine de La C te. Wenzlau Vineyard, which is part of our estate holdings, sits surrounded by Rita's Crown, Mt. Carmel, and Sea Smoke Vineyards, on a steep, dramatic hillside just above the Santa Ynez River and across from the famed Sanford & Benedict Vineyard.

PRODUCTION

The wines were fermented in a combination of 500L puncheons, as well as 228L barriques, resulting in about 17% new wood on the wine. After a year or so in barrel, the wines and all the lees were moved to tank for an additional six months of cellaring. This is a wine that we believe best represents the potential of the region as a whole.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

<i>Variety</i>	<i>Elevage</i>
Chardonnay	12 months in 17% new French oak 6 months in stainless steel
<i>Alcohol</i>	<i>Cases Produced</i>
12.5%	1,032
<i>Fermentation</i>	
Native	
<i>Soil Type</i>	
Sorento Loam	