

# Racines

## 2021 STA. RITA HILLS 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

A blend of Chardonnay from a few different parcels of the vineyards we work with all located in the Sta. Rita Hills, including both Wenzlau Family Vineyard and La Rinconada Vineyard. Wenzlau Family Vineyard is part of our estate holdings and 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, 350L barrels and 228L barriques, resulting in about 20% 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 five months of cellaring. This is a wine that we believe best represents the potential of the region as a whole.

### TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### *Elevage*

11 months - 20% new French oak - 5 months in stainless steel

#### *Alcohol*

12.9%

#### *Soil Type*

Sorento loam