

the hilt

2023

The Estate wines are defined by the fruit and flavors of our little southwestern corner of the Sta. Rita Hills. They speak of the nuances and complexities of our properties as a whole. These wines take into account the many aspects, clones, soil types and other properties of our estate. They give us the maximum amount of blending components and, represent the most complete wines in our portfolio.

Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:

Truly brimming with fruit: crunchy nectarine to dried mango. Peach nectar with lovely toasty notes. Expansive and wonderfully generous for a young Hilt Estate Chardonnay. Classic notes of Bentrack with apricot, brioche, and subtle chamomile alongside the fresh and electric Radian notes of lime zest and sea salt. The best of both worlds. Elegant touch of reduction keeps the wine graceful and poised. Impressive in its breadth, length, and ample fruit. Mineral-laden and silky. Starfruit and vanilla bean; sweet cream and biscuits. Highlights the pure refrigerated sunshine that shone upon our vineyards in 2023. The Hilt at its best.

Estate Chardonnay

CASES:	3,288
APPELLATION:	Sta. Rita Hills
ALCOHOL:	13.0%
VINEYARDS:	Bentrack Vineyard (cl. 76, 95), Radian Vineyard (cl. 95, 548, Musque)
BARREL REGIME:	35% new French oak, 60% neutral French oak, 5% stainless steel for 11 months

97 Points

*Jonathan Cristaldi
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