



In the southwest corner of Sta. Rita Hills AVA lies a rugged, windswept, coastal vineyard, called The Hilt Estate; grower producer of stunning Pinot Noir and Chardonnay reflective of this dynamic corner of California.

THE HILT ESTATE

BENTROCK & RADIAN VINEYARDS, STA. RITA HILLS AVA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Wines defined by place, style and time.

PLACE – Farthest southwest reach of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA, the place dictates The Hilt style

- Pushing Limits: Lashing pacific winds blends bright exposure; refrigerated sunshine
- Soil: High concentration of Diatomaceous Earth blends with clay, and sand. Remnants of prehistoric ocean floor and pump classic electricity and vibrancy into the wines
 - BENTROCK VINEYARD – Eastern vineyard is a calm and balanced terroir, creating wines of depth and structure
 - Protected, Calm, Long Rolling hills, Luscious
 - Clay loam, shale, banded chert & outcrops of DE
 - RADIAN VINEYARD – Western vineyard takes the brunt of the Pacific rush and creates tense wines
 - Exposed, Electric, Rugged, Extreme
 - High concentration of DE, rocky soil & clay loam

STYLE – The numerous microclimates provide a multilayered backdrop to create 3 unique expressions

- Estate Wines: Winemaking team comes to a consensus and delivers the best of the estate
- The Guards: Old Guard: structured, energetic; Vanguard: sultry, opulent.
- Single Vineyards: Focused snapshot of a moment, vintage, the vineyard, select blocks, a barrel

TIME – 2014, Matt, Ruben & team took on operation and farming of Radian and Bentrack Vineyards

- Shifted to a very precise combination of sustainable and organic farming practices that are transforming and revitalizing the different soils
- During the course the soils and vines have become healthier and full of vibrant life

Formerly known as Rancho Cañada de Salsipuedes, translates to “get out if you can” is home of The Hilt Estate and some of the most intense conditions for grape growing in California. The name is inspired by our team and their efforts in the vineyard and winery; the team works “to the hilt” in order to produce exquisite wines of style, place and precision.

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THE WINES

The vision of The Hilt Estate provide opportunity to create a diverse array of wines.

ESTATE – Complete vision of The Hilt Estate, all blocks and microclimates come together to deliver nuance and complexity

Pinot Noir

- Blackberry, bright cherry, pepper, sage
- Stunning, complete expression of a windy and wild estate vineyard

Chardonnay

- Fresh citrus, stone fruit, honey drizzled on brioche, luminous acidity
- Elegant, refined and full of tantalizing energy

OLD GUARD – Wines defined by a taut, structured and unbridled energy. The Old Guard delivers complexity through vibrant fruit, lively acid, and firm backbone

Pinot Noir

- Black cherry, pine needles crushed on forest floor, tobacco and savory
- Stunning, cohesive, complex. Endless potential

Chardonnay

- Zest, guava, honey, juicy, succulent and lively
- Unadorned by oak, the wine shines! Fresh, focus, depth and balance

VANGUARD – The Vanguard wines deliver opulent fruit and sultry texture. Rich, decadent and profound, The Vanguard is a warm embrace from Sta. Rita Hills

Pinot Noir

- Ripe red fruit, fresh shitake, dried rose petals, enticing perfume
- Lifted, generous, fine grain tannin, rich texture, lingers

Chardonnay

- Orange blossom, baked fruit tart, baking spices, flint
- Tense, energetic, crunchy, savory salinity, long refined

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