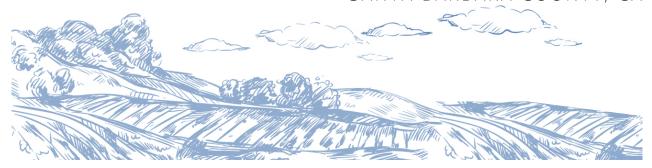


2021 CHARDONNAY RADIAN VINEYARD

STA. RITA HILLS AVA SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



WINEMAKER NOTES

Complex and flinty aromatics, reminiscent of Old-world chardonnays, complemented by citrus zest on the nose. White peaches and nectarines with a luxurious mouthfeel. The backbone of acidity provides focus and length, with minerality and texture shining through on the finish.

WINEMAKING

Cases: 62

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition: 100% Chardonnay

Clonal selection: 95

Soil at site: Loam/DE/Clay/Chert

Barrels | Aging: 100% neutral French oak |

15 months

Alcohol: 13.8%

 Brix:
 22.8

 pH at harvest:
 3.19

 Finished pH:
 3.17

 Finished TA:
 7.1 g/L

Harvest date: 10/7/2021
Bottling date: March 2023
Release date: January 2024

2021 VINTAGE

One of the best vintages in recent memory, 2021 was an even, cool vintage allowing fruit extended hang time to concentrate flavors and complexity without losing acid. Wines from this vintage are powerful while still being moderate in alcohol, and maintaining freshness and fruit purity.

RADIAN VINEYARD

Radian Vineyard is the sister vineyard to Bentrock, both located on the old Salsipuedes ranch. Radian is the western part of the ranch and butts up against the western perimeter of the Santa Rita Hills AVA along Santa Rosa Road. Whereas Bentrock Vineyard has more gentle rolling hills, Radian has really steep vineyard blocks. We have Pinot noir there planted at the top of the hill where it's most exposed to the wind, cold, and fog. Often we'll go out to our block at the top of the hill during harvest and it feels like a "fog hurricane" because the wind and fog are so intense! You can't see six feet ahead of you in those conditions.

ACCOLADES

95 points - Wine Enthusiast Very clean and light aromas of pear and sea salt meet with a damp earth tone on the nose of this single-vineyard expression. The palate fascinates with an acidity that builds to a sizzling point by the finish after driving through flavors of lemon, apricot and more sea salt. — Matt Kettmann

94 points - Jeb Dunnuck Slightly more bass notes of orchard fruits, citrus, honeyed minerality, and leafy herbs all emerge from the 2021 Chardonnay Radian Vineyard, which hits the palate with a broader, more layered mouthfeel that has bright acidity, terrific balance, and outstanding length. It's beautifully done and will also benefit from 2-3 years in the cellar. Both Chardonnays will evolve for a decade if well stored. -Jeb Dunnuck