

WINEMAKER NOTES

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Cases:	4I
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Chardonnay
Clonal selection:	95
Soil at site:	Loam/Clay/DE/Chert
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak
	16 months
Alcohol:	12.3%
Brix:	21.0
pH at harvest:	3.15
Finished pH:	3.02
Finished TA:	7.1 g/L
Harvest date:	9/14/2022
Bottling date:	3/22/2024
Release date:	March 2025

ACCOLADES

2022 VINTAGE

2022 started off with a slightly later bud-break, and moderate weather through the spring and summer. Low yields across the board with all varietals and vineyards made the Labor-Day heat wave extra impactful and forced us to move quickly into harvest mode. Once the early ripening varietals were picked, the classic SB long growing season returned, and the final Rhone varietal grapes weren't harvested until late October. The 2022 wines retain their freshness and balance, with great flavor concentration and depth, and an extra kiss of sunshine.

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.