

the hilt

The Hilt champions pinot noir and chardonnay from the climate margins of California's coastal winegrowing regions –Sta. Rita Hills and Santa Barbara County's AVA's prominent among them. The philosophy of "growing in the margins" propels wine growers to employ practices that enable grapes to show full transparency of site—key to The Hilt's philosophy.

As hinted at in the name, The Hilt goes "all the way" in its quest for expression and quality; nothing is held back in terms of effort.

2014

THE HILT
CHARDONNAY
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

CASES: 375

VINEYARDS: Radian, Sanford & Benedict and Solomon Hills. Vine age between 8, 14 and 44 years.

BARRELS: 40% new French oak, 53% neutral French oak, 7% stainless barrels

Aromas of honeysuckle flowers and ripe melon combined with flinty notes of gun-smoke. Inviting and charming immediately out of the bottle. Suave and silky on the palate with notes of toasted peach and green apple. Savory and sweet. The acidity turns on early and radiates throughout the finish creating a stunning balance. This wine truly shines with its elegance and delicacy.
—Winemaker-Matt Dees

91 Points

Review by Jeb Dunnuck
The Wine Advocate August 2016

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Review by Antonio Galloni *Vinous*
September 2016

