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# the hilt

2017 CHARDONNAY

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ESTATE CHARDONNAY  
STA. RITA HILLS

The Hilt is defined by its three maritime influenced vineyards in the southwest corner of the Sta. Rita Hills appellation: Radian, Bentrack and Puerta del Mar.

#### ESTATE

- 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.

CASES: 1,417

ALC: 13.4%

VINEYARDS: Radian, Bentrack, Sanford and Benedict

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

**93 - 95 Points** Jeb Dunnuck  
*jebdunnuck.com* Oct. 2018

**91 Points** Erin Brooks *The Wine Advocate* Sept. 2019

#### About the Vintage:

The Hilt Estate vineyards produced wines of purity and balance in 2017. Nothing is out of place in these harmonious and supple blends.

These are two high impact wines that speak of our vineyard with more transparency than ever before, likely due in large part to three years of our meticulous farming. Tasting these wines immediately takes one on a tour of our cool southwest corner of the Sta Rita Hills.

#### Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:

Silky and suave. Supple and light on its feet while also displaying a sumptuous level of fresh white peach. Seamless. Apricot, honeysuckle and a hint of tropical fruit. Charged with a lovely flint reduction and just a touch of savory oak. Makes ones mouth water just to smell as the nose even hints at the freshness and vibrancy in the glass. Weaves a captivating web between acid, fruit and mineral. Definition of liquid sunshine.

