

the hilt

2018

Our estate single-vineyard Bentrack, Radian and Puerta del Mar wines are incredibly specific. They magnify singular flavors that exist on each particular site and are focused on a particular plot of soil. These wines zoom in on one specific set of parameters. They are ultimate wines of terroir.

Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:

Characteristic Bentrack notes of white flowers, almonds (marzipan) and apricot brioche. Subtle hints of lavender and lemon verbena. Very typical of the site, but with greater depth of fruit than previous vintages. Kissed by “refrigerated sunshine,” but definitely not driven by warmth. Bright and shining. Touch of peach cobbler and sweet cream. Can almost sense the added maturity of the vines with a more luscious texture. Very much the nucleus in terms of inner core of dense fruit. Refreshingly chalky structure. Powerful, succulent, dense and thrilling for its precision and tenacity. Should certainly benefit from time in the cellar. Knockout today paired with grilled chicken Caesar salad.

Bentrack Vineyard Chardonnay

CASES: 225
 APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills
 VINE AGE: 11 years
 ALCOHOL: 13.0%
 BLOCKS: 66% Block 1 (cl. 76), 34% Block 18 (cl. 95)
 BARREL REGIME: 33% new French oak barrels, 67% once and twice used barrels for 12 months

95 Points

Antonio Galloni
Vinous Aug. 2020

95 Points

Jeb Dunnuck
jebdunnuck.com
 Aug. 2020

