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2021

Our estate single-vineyard Bentrock, 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:

A broad and caressing chardonnay. I could happily pass the day enjoying the constantly shifting aromatics out of this glass. Sweet cream, apricot, butter biscuits, lemon verbena, mint and mango. Ripe peaches and cream. Like an olive oil cake. Tenacious acidity and invigorating energy. Verve and spark. Lemon bar with sage. Marzipan. Powerfully built and brimming with rich fruit and electricity. So intense, it almost glows. Still so young and tight in bottle... a tiger in a cage. So much to express in the years to come. Finishes with classic Bentrock notes of almond croissant and citrus oil. So long and generous today and will only grow and evolve with time in the cellar. A nectar from a tremendous terroir in a tremendous vintage.

Bentrock Vineyard Chardonnay

CASES: 605
 APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills
 VINE AGE: 14 years
 ALCOHOL: 13.2%
 BLOCKS: 46% Block 18 (cl. 95), 28% Block 1 (cl. 76), 14% Block 17 (cl. 76), 12% Block 19 (cl. 95)
 BARREL REGIME: 40% new French oak barrels, 60% once and twice used barrels for 11 months, followed by 5 months in stainless tank with full lees.

93 Points

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95 Points

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