

# 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:**

Like an electron as it vibrates with energy and is always in motion. Inviting nose of lemon bar, wild flower honey, chevre and fresh thyme. Chamomile tea, green D'anjou pear and Maldon sea salt. On the palate it expands to notes of fresh baked biscuits with orange marmalade alongside an edgy and ever-present element of lime and agave. As always with this wild and windy vineyard the aromatics make one salivate, then the surprising and welcome density of white stone fruit completely coats the palate. The interplay between texture and energy is the true prize here. For all of its fruit density, it never loses its hyper-focused sense of place with a bracing level of freshness, ample structure and nervy tension. A wild wine from the windy and raw edge of the Sta. Rita Hills with the refreshing purity of the cold and powerful winds off the Pacific. The definition of what makes the southwest corner of the Sta Rita Hills so unforgettable.

### **Radian Vineyard Chardonnay**

CASES: 75  
 APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills  
 VINE AGE: 11 years  
 ALCOHOL: 13.0%  
 BLOCKS: 67% Block 31 (cl. 95), 11% Block 34 (cl. 548), 11% Block 35 (cl. 4), 11% Block 36 (cl. 76)  
 BARREL REGIME: 85% neutral French oak barrels, 15% stainless steel barrels for 12 months

### **95 Points**

Antonio Galloni  
*Vinous* Aug. 2020

### **93+ Points**

Jeb Dunnuck  
*jebdunnuck.com*  
 Aug. 2020

