

ESTATE CHARDONNAY

STA. RITA HILLS — 2020

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## 2020

*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.*

### **Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:**

Loquat, lime, light and lilies. Especially perfumed vintage with melon, chamomile and lime peel. Floral, lifted and inviting. Nuance of citrus blossom and quince. Notes of hazelnut and almond emerge with time. The showstopper of the vintage for me. So much going on with this wine. Full of kinetic energy, potential for future development and most importantly... immediate pleasure. Sings out of the glass. Apricot and nectarine lead the generous and luxurious attack. The expansive fruit on the palate is balanced perfectly by classic Hilt acid lift and structural backbone. The wine remains framed and balanced. Nothing sticks out. Long finish with sea salt, honey, dried apricot, brioche and electricity. Ready to bring joy to your table. Irresistible bottle. Opened for tasting notes and finished the entire bottle.

### **Estate Chardonnay**

CASES: 2,145  
APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills  
ALCOHOL: 13.0%  
BARRELS: 34% new French oak,  
60% neutral French oak,  
6% stainless steel for  
11 months

### **92 Points**

Antonio Galloni  
*Vinous*  
June 2022

### **92 Points**

Jeb Dunnuck  
*Jebdunnuck.com*  
Aug. 2022

