

the hilt

2019

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:

The initial Chardonnay release from our estate vineyard surrounding The Hilt Estate Winery; a site bathed in sunshine, but in constant flux with cool temperatures and strong winds. A surprisingly regal wine from such a wild place. Mineral-laden and golden. Mouthwatering green apple with cinnamon and honey. More expansive texturally, but still absolutely defined by the electricity of a cool site. A fascinating ride on the palate. Dark avocado honey and yellow Rainier cherry. Hints of crème brûlée and also a savory, earthy and delicious note of sweet, golden beets. The fruit density combines seamlessly with the specific Puerta del Mar notes of toasted hazelnuts and salted almonds. The entire wine is infused with a lingering and lovely note of lemon balm tea. Fascinating and fine wine which embraces the quirky edge that makes this vineyard so special.

Puerta Del Mar Vineyard Chardonnay

CASES: 71
APPELLATION: Santa Barbara County
VINE AGE: 14 years
ALCOHOL: 13.0%
BLOCKS: Single block of Puerta del Mar - Clone 95
BARREL REGIME: 11 months in 33% new French oak barrels, 33% once used French oak barrels, 33% twice used French oak barrels.

