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2024 VINTAGE
MEMBERSHIP CATALOG

YOUR SHIPMENT AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDES:

2024 Estate **Riesling** | \$50

2024 Estate **Chardonnay** | \$50

2024 Estate **Pinot Noir** | \$50

2024 Estate **Syrah** | \$50

Customize Your Shipment

Your shipment is fully customizable. To personalize your selections and adjust your bottle quantities, please **Login to your account** and make your selections by **Sunday, September 13th.**



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Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:

The Riesling we always wanted to produce; energetic and soulful. It absolutely electrifies your senses. Beeswax, apricot, Mexican lime and white flowers. Delicate and lively on the palate with incredible lift and energy. The definition of ethereal. Citrus oil, lime juice and wet stones. Defined by minerality, precision and absolute focus. Like a ray of sunshine on our cold Sta Rita Hills vineyards. So elegant and lithe, but also generous with fruit density. The finest Riesling to date. Shows off the intense concentration of the white wines from vintage 2024. Lightning bolt in a bottle.

Estate Riesling

CASES: 166
ALCOHOL: 12.5%
APPELLATION: Sta.Rita Hills
VINEYARDS: 91% Bentrock Vineyard (cl. 1, 23, 12), 9% Radian Vineyard (cl. 1, 23)
BARREL REGIME: 11 months in 50% large format neutral oak, 50% stainless steel tank.

ESTATE RIESLING
STA. RITA HILLS — 2024



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The lower yields in 2024 come to the forefront in the vintage with incredible density and concentration of fruit. This wine is a layered and complex creature with floral notes alongside stone fruit and baking spice. The palate is textbook Hilt Estate with vibrancy and electricity leading the way with silky apricot texture and nuances of cinnamon and marzipan. Classic notes of lime zest and sea salt with hints of sage and truffle honey. Focused and pure. An absolute pleasure to drink today, but also perhaps our most beautifully built Estate Chardonnay for future consideration. So much energy and electricity. A very special vintage.

Estate Chardonnay

CASES: 2,811
ALCOHOL: 13.4%
APPELLATION: Sta.Rita Hills
VINEYARDS: Bentrock Vineyard (cl. 76, 95), Radian Vineyard (cl. 95, 548, Musque)
BARREL REGIME: 11 months in 35% new French oak, 60% neutral French oak, 5% stainless barrels, then 6 months with all lees in stainless tanks.

ESTATE CHARDONNAY
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Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:

All the finest points of the 2024 vintage: intensity, concentration and balance. Red and black fruit, earthy essence of chanterelle and notes of herbal freshness. Wild and complex. Pepper spice and rosemary. Wonderful supple fruit spreads across the palate. Long and precise. Powdery dusty tannins. Dark cherry, dried porcini, clove and incense. Vinous and gently structured. Perfumed and potent with swirling combination of fruit, spice, earth and savory. Finishes long with lingering fine dusty tannins. Captures all the cold wind, bright sunshine and dusty diatomaceous earth soils of our Hilt Estate under one cork.

Estate Pinot Noir

CASES: 4,770
ALCOHOL: 14.1%
APPELLATION: Sta.Rita Hills
VINEYARDS: Radian Vineyard (cl. 115, 667, 777, 828), Bentrack Vineyard (cl. 115, 667, 777, 828)
BARREL REGIME: 11 months in 20% new French oak, 80% neutral oak barrels.

ESTATE PINOT NOIR
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Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:

Heady with perfume and intrigue. Impossible to ignore. Black raspberry, black pepper, vinous notes, steak au poivre and lingonberry sauce. Black minerals. Soy sauce, Gaviota strawberry, violet candies, lavender and rosemary. One could easily write tasting notes on this wine all day. Lifted and spiraling out of the glass. Black, red and green in profile. Changes every second in the glass. The essence and nectar of syrah with nothing interfering with its expression. True cold climate syrah from Sta Rita Hills. Fine and dusty with a wonderful resinous streak that screams out for a charcuterie board and some aged goat cheeses. Exceptional drinking today.

Estate Syrah

CASES: 453
ALCOHOL: 13%
APPELLATION: Sta.Rita Hills
VINEYARDS: 73% Radian (cl. 470, Alban PB)
27% Bentrack (cl. 470)
BARREL REGIME: 12 months in 95% neutral French oak, 5% new French oak, then 4 months in stainless tank.

ESTATE SYRAH
STA. RITA HILLS — 2024



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2024 VINTAGE HARVEST REPORT

All things in winegrowing are cyclical and interlinked between vintages. A cold and cloudy spring in 2023 that caused the buds to not receive very much sunlight gave us shoots with very little fruit in 2024. Difficult cool conditions during flowering further diminished our yields resulting in a reduction from 2023 yields that often topped 40%. This caused incredible concentration throughout the fruit in our vineyards. A few warm spells in early September helped to even out the clusters on each vine and helped slowly push the grapes towards ripeness. A slow maturation allowed the development of incredible flavors while maintaining exceptional freshness. The resulting wines are absolutely concentrated and pure expressions of our Estate vineyards. They are thrilling.

-Matt Dees, *Winemaker*



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