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2014
CHARDONNAY
STA. RITA HILLS
STEEL

There's only one way to describe our Rancho Santa Rosa estate vineyard: serene. Located in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA of Santa Barbara County, this stunning, south-facing hillside features vines that climb from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The soils are marine-based and the weather is consistently cool thanks to the moist ocean breezes that sweep through the property daily. The vineyard is farmed with the painstaking care and attention usually associated with much smaller properties. In fact, the Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard was originally conceived as a series of micro-vineyards delineated by soil, exposure, elevation, grade, rootstock and clone.

VINTAGE

2014 was an abundant vintage for the third straight year. A hotter than average spring led to the earliest bud break on record. Conditions remained ideal from bloom to set, and the warm growing season produced grape clusters with larger than average berry size. The fruit achieved optimal ripeness within a shortened time frame, translating to rich flavors in the wines produced in this vintage. The yields were high in quantity and quality, with harvest lasting from August 19 – October 10, 2014.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were gently whole-cluster pressed and transferred to tank after harvest. After a day of cold-settling, the juice was inoculated and racked to stainless steel tanks. To retain the fresh and vibrant fruit and acidity, ML was prevented. All lots were kept separate throughout vinification and aging. After seven months in stainless steel tanks under cool cellar conditions, the wine was bottled.

TASTING

With no oak contact, this 2014 Steel Chardonnay expresses our world class vineyards and true varietal expression of Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay. Delicate, alluring aromas of clover flower honey and lemon zest entice your senses. This Chardonnay is fresh and citrusy on the palate, with flavors of pineapple, green apple and hints of ripe lemon meringue on the finish. Enjoy this Steel Chardonnay on a warm summer day as an aperitif or with a light crab salad.

APPELLATION	STA. RITA HILLS
VINEYARD	RANCHO SANTA ROSA
COMPOSITION	100% CHARDONNAY
COOPERAGE	7 MONTHS IN STAINLESS STEEL
ALCOHOL	14.3%
TA	8.0 G/L
PH	3.26
BOTTLING DATE	MAY 4, 2016
PRODUCTION	717 CASES

