

Foley  
2015  
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**

The 2015 vintage was early and light yielding fruit with exceptional flavor concentration. The vines experienced no hard dormancy and above average temperatures in February resulting in an early bud break, flowering and fruit set. The drought caused the vines to struggle and produce smaller berry size and overall cluster size which resulted in high quality wines that are rich, complex and intense in character. Harvest occurred from August 19 - October 1, 2015.

**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 four months in stainless steel tanks under cool cellar conditions, the wine was bottled.

**TASTING**

With no oak contact, this 2015 Steel Chardonnay expresses our world class vineyards and true varietal expression of Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay. Bright aromas of citrus and jasmine flowers greet the nose on this lovely bottling. Despite having not oak contact, it has a nice textural component with great length and a sophisticated profile. Lush flavors of guava and pineapple compliment the bright acidity making it a refreshing wine to serve on a hot summer day.

<b>APPELLATION</b>	STA. RITA HILLS
<b>VINEYARD</b>	RANCHO SANTA ROSA
<b>COMPOSITION</b>	100% CHARDONNAY
<b>COOPERAGE</b>	4 MONTHS IN STAINLESS STEEL
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.1%
<b>TA</b>	8.2 G/L
<b>PH</b>	3.39
<b>BOTTLING DATE</b>	MARCH 31, 2016
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	241 CASES

