

Foley
2015
CHARDONNAY
STA. RITA HILLS
BARREL SELECT

Located in the Santa Rita Hills AVA of Santa Barbara County, the stunning hillsides of the Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard 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 moist ocean breezes that sweep the property daily. The vineyard is farmed with the painstaking care and attention usually associated with much smaller properties. In fact, this vineyard was originally conceived as a series of individual 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

Barrel Select is the ultimate expression of cool-climate Chardonnay from our Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard. Like a vinous jigsaw puzzle, it is an intricate assemblage of the most complex and concentrated fruit from the vintage. Following harvest, the grapes were gently whole-cluster pressed and transferred to tank. The fruit was racked into 100% new French oak barrels where it underwent weekly stirring of the lees to add texture and complexity. After 18 months of aging, the wine was bottled.

TASTING

This 2015 Barrel Select is for the Chardonnay connoisseur! With 100% new oak barrels, it is bold and structured. The nose is a bit shy at first with sweet and nutty aromas that lead into soft fruit tones of lemon curd and clover honey. The palate has great length and a balanced acidity with flavors of citrus, honey and toasted oak. This is a great food wine that can stand up to bold dishes.

APPELLATION	STA. RITA HILLS
VINEYARD	RANCHO SANTA ROSA EAST
COMPOSITION	100% CHARDONNAY
COOPERAGE	100% NEW FRENCH OAK; SIRIGUE, DAMY & REMOND
AGING	18 MONTHS
ALCOHOL	14.3%
TA	7.0 G/L
PH	3.35
BOTTLING DATE	APRIL 6, 2017
PRODUCTION	275 CASES

