

# Foley

2022

## CHARDONNAY

BAR LAZY S RANCH | STA. RITA HILLS

*The Brand Series honors the relatives of vintner Bill Foley who settled the Texas Panhandle in the 1840s as ranchers, cattlemen and Texas Rangers. These wines combine noteworthy barrels from superior sites within our estate vineyards to unveil a unique facet or interpretation of a designated variety.*

**VINEYARD** Located in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA of Santa Barbara County, the grapes for this wine comes from stunning hillside vineyards that climb from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The soils are marine-based and the weather is consistently cool thanks to ocean breezes that sweep the property daily. Originally conceived as a series of individual micro-vineyards delineated by soil, exposure, elevation, grade, rootstock, and clone, these vineyards are farmed with painstaking care and attention to detail.

**VINTAGE** The prominent event of vintage 2022 was an unprecedented heat wave that occurred September 1 - 8, with temperatures reaching 106 degrees. Industry wide, we have referred to this anomaly as the “heat dome.” As harvest progressed, we experienced a bit of rain, lightning, and humidity pressure from Hurricane Kay mid-September. Mother Nature dealt us a surprising number of challenging weather circumstances, but overall 2022 delivered beautifully balanced, light-bodied wines.

**WINEMAKING** After harvest the grapes were gently whole-cluster pressed and transferred to tank. Following a day of cold-settling, the juice was inoculated and racked to French oak barrels. It then underwent regular stirring of the lees for added texture and complexity. All lots were kept separate throughout vinification and aging to ensure character distinctiveness and quality. After aging for 16 months in 30% new French oak barrels, the wine was filtered and bottled.

**TASTING** The 2022 opens with aromas of honeycomb and confectionery pineapple upside-down cake. On the palate, notes of candied lemon, toasted graham, and hazelnut crumble are beautifully balanced with mouthwatering acidity. Lush pineapple fruit and crème brûlée linger on the finish. This wine pairs perfectly with shrimp scampi or scallop and mushroom risotto.

APPELLATION *Sta. Rita Hills* | VINEYARD *Bar Lazy S Ranch*

COMPOSITION *100% Chardonnay*

COOPERAGE *18 months in 30% new French oak*

ALCOHOL 13.9% | TA 5.8 g/L | pH 3.42



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