

Foley

2020

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 2020 vintage kicked off with a dry and cool growing season. The weather began to warm in July with an intense heat spike in Sta. Rita Hills. Early morning fog kept the grapes cool while afternoon ocean breezes swept in and ensured grape quality remained high. Harvest began August 25 and finished October 20.

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 and American 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 18 months in 50% new French and American oak barrels, the wine was filtered and bottled.

TASTING Our 2020 Bar Lazy S Ranch Chardonnay is delicious with aromas of fresh peaches, toasted brioche, and roasted vanilla bean. On the palate, this wine is creamy and rich with balanced acidity and pastry-like notes of toffee and macadamia nut cookies.

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

COMPOSITION *100% Chardonnay*

COOPERAGE *18 months in French and American oak, 50% new*

ALCOHOL *14.2%* | TA *6.1 g/L* | pH *3.44*



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