

# Foley

2021

## 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 2021 vintage was notably cooler during the growing season with a late start to harvest. Early bud break and mild spring weather continued into a cool summer. The quality of the grapes were good and acid levels remained balanced due to the moderate weather. Tremendous team effort and coordination truly made this season possible. Our first pick was September 8th and harvest was completed on October 23rd.

**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 16 months in a combination of 50% new French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks, the wine was filtered and bottled.

**TASTING** The 2021 Bar Lazy S Ranch Chardonnay opens with beautiful aromas of fresh lemon curd, confectionery crème brûlée, and sweet caramelized brown sugar. On the palate, bright acidity, toasted graham cracker, candied almonds, and vanilla bean flavors lead to a crème caramel finish. This wine pairs perfectly with a rich Camembert cheese.

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

COMPOSITION *100% Chardonnay*

COOPERAGE *16 months in 50% new French oak and stainless steel tanks*

ALCOHOL *14.5%* | TA *6.29 g/L* | pH *3.42*



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