

Foley  
2020  
CHARDONNAY  
JA RANCH  
STA. RITA HILLS

*JA Ranch Chardonnay, part of the Foley Brand Series, honors the relatives of vintner Bill Foley who settled the Texas Panhandle in the 1840s as ranchers, cattlemen and Texas Rangers. We hand select the best Chardonnay barrel lots from our estate vineyards to create a wine that is a unique interpretation of the varietal and beautiful vineyard ranches from which it comes.*

#### VINEYARD

There is only one way to describe the Rancho Santa Rosa vineyard – serene. Located in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA of Santa Barbara County, these stunning hillside vineyards planted in marine-based soils climb from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The weather in this east west transverse valley is consistently cool thanks to ocean breezes that sweep the property daily, ideal growing conditions for the grapes. The vineyard is farmed with the painstaking care and attention to detail usually associated with small properties. In fact, the vineyard was originally conceived as a series of individual micro-vineyards delineated by soil, exposure, elevation, grade, rootstock and clone.

#### VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage kicked off with a dry and cool growing season. The weather started to warm up 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

The grapes were gently whole-cluster pressed, transferred to tank, cold settled and then racked to French oak barrels for fermentation. It 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 30% new French oak barrels, the wine was bottled.

#### TASTING

This pale, austere white wine exhibits aromas of star jasmine & grapefruit zest. The lean palate, indicative of the cool climate where this wine is grown, features notes of tangerine, wet slate and key lime. The crisp acid maintains the long finish of green apple and toasted macadamia nut. It pairs well with cedar plank smoked salmon with lemon-dill hollandaise sauce.

APPELLATION	STA. RITA HILLS
VINEYARD	RANCHO SANTA ROSA
COMPOSITION	100% CHARDONNAY
COOPERAGE	30% NEW FRENCH OAK
AGING	18 MONTHS
ALCOHOL	14.1%
TA	7.4 G/L
pH	3.4
BOTTLING DATE	APRIL 26, 2022
PRODUCTION	240 CASES

