

Foley

2020

CHARDONNAY

T ANCHOR 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

There's only one way to describe the Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard: serene. Located in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA of Santa Barbara County, these stunning hillsides feature 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 ocean breezes that sweep through 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 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 pressed and transferred to tank following harvest. After a day of cold-settling, the juice was inoculated and racked to 40% new French oak barrels for fermentation. After fermentation was complete, the barrels 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 18 months in barrel under cool cellar conditions, the wine was bottled.

TASTING

This wine exhibits aromas of lime and tangerine zest. It features bright acidity with a palate reminiscent of lightly grilled fresh pineapple, and toasted hazelnut with a finish of lemon baked custard.

APPELLATION	STA. RITA HILLS
VINEYARD	T ANCHOR RANCH
COMPOSITION	100% CHARDONNAY
COOPERAGE	40% NEW FRENCH OAK
AGING	18 MONTHS
ALCOHOL	14.2%
TA	6.8 G/L
PH	3.45
BOTTLING DATE	APRIL 26, 2021
PRODUCTION	249 CASES

