

# Foley

## 2022

### 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** 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** 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 10% new French oak barrels, the wine was bottled.

**TASTING** The nose offers a beautiful medley of citrus and mandarin zest. This wine has a lean mouthfeel with bright acidity and mineral notes that complement delicate fruit flavors of ripe pineapple, pear, and peach. The briny minerality is mouthwatering, lean, and fresh. This is the perfect wine to pair with spring green lasagna or a brunch charcuterie board.

APPELLATION *Sta. Rita Hills* | VINEYARD *JA Ranch*

COMPOSITION *100% Chardonnay*

COOPERAGE *18 months in French oak, 10% new*

ALCOHOL *13.5%* | TA *6.80 g/L* | pH *3.34*



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