

Brewer - Clifton



2023 STA. RITA HILLS CHARDONNAY

With the goal of expressing a comprehensive expression of the appellation, we selected four unique vineyard sites to create this Sta. Rita Hills bottling. This blend is comprised of 3D, Machado, Hapgood and Perilune vineyards. While each lot is handled separately and in a completely uniform fashion in the winery, each contributes vastly different expressions which ultimately harmonize in the finished wine.

Aroma	Lemon, Kiwi, Orange Blossom, Sweet Basil
Flavor	Jasmine, Lime, Ginger, Mineral
Texture	Peel, Orange Zest, Fresh Sea Salt

PHILOSOPHY

At Brewer-Clifton, we believe that the geographic, geologic and climatic uniqueness of the Sta. Rita Hills appellation provide an ideal place to grow Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of intensity, complexity and specificity. Our mission and indeed our passion is to present wines that convey the characteristics inherent to each of these sites, with uncompromising quality.

CRAFT

Only neutral barrels are employed. Whole cluster pressed Chardonnay. We don't promote or prohibit malolactic fermentation, allowing wine to be in balance, bright and elegant.

FARMING

As each vineyard has its own unique requirements, we manage each according to their inimitable needs rather than a macro approach to farming. We are working to achieve a natural balance between the site, the vines, the aspect and the microclimates in each vineyard, using sustainable and/or organic farming methods whenever possible.

VINEYARDS

3D The primary emphasis of the predominantly sandy 10 acre vineyard is Chardonnay, with five clones planted in equal amounts.

MACHADO The 15 acre parcel on the Machado family land is located adjacent to Clos Pepe and immediately behind the Kessler-Haak vineyard. The site is marked by a gorgeous rolling terrain with sandy clay loam soils.

HAPGOOD In slightly richer soil, the vineyard is planted to the Mount Eden selection of Chardonnay. The elevated clay loam content results in larger volume and a more dense palate expression.

PERILUNE Comprised of a vast array of elevation, aspect and soil profile, Perilune is by far and away the most ambitiously complex of all of our vineyards. From beach sand to botella clay, the rugged terrain and dramatic inclines offer a myriad of opportunities for dynamic fruit expression. Mindful clonal selection bespoke for each of the forty two unique blocks further amplifies the diversity of this parcel which has swiftly become the predominant core of our wines.

