Brewer - Clifton

TASTING NOTES

2020 WINEENTHUSIAST WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR GREG BREWER



2019 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, Acin and Hapgood 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 and 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.

CELLARING

All of the wines are produced with the intention of aging and cellaring for at least 10 years and can easily be enjoyed after 15 yrs.

VINEYARD

This blend is comprised of 3D, Machado, Acin and Hapgood vineyards:

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

MACHADO 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.

ACIN The Acin parcel is just over an acre of chardonnay planted in a section predominantly marked by sand. The budwood is a Wente selection originally taken from the original Nielsen Vineyard planted in Santa Maria in 1964.

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.

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