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2022

Our estate single-vineyard Bentrock, Radian and Puerta del Mar wines are incredibly specific. They magnify singular flavors that exist on each particular site and are focused on a particular plot of soil. These wines zoom in on one specific set of parameters. They are ultimate wines of terroir.

Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:

Lime, orange oil, verbena, crème fresh and agave. Fresh baked bread and cooling herbs. A very energetic and vivid vintage. Ripe and generous as always, but it is the inner light that defines this wine. Crisp Fuyu persimmon, cinnamon and mint. Still rather tight and embryonic, pointing towards a long future ahead. Supple and dense but lifted by a feather-like freshness. Seems to be floating. Texturally silky and so consistent in its weight across the palate. The spiraling finish never seems to stop.

Bentrock Vineyard Chardonnay

CASES: 686
 APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills
 VINE AGE: 15 years
 ALCOHOL: 13.5%
 BLOCKS: 42% Block 1 (cl. 76), 26% Block 17 (cl. 76), 18% Block 18 (cl. 95), 14% Block 19 (cl. 95)
 BARREL REGIME: 40% new French oak barrels, 60% once and twice used barrels for 11 months followed by 6 months in stainless tank with full lees.

95 Points
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