



HARTFORD
COURT

RADIAN VINEYARD

STA. RITA HILLS • CHARDONNAY

2017

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Sta. Rita Hills is situated in a transverse range, meaning the mountains lie east west and not north to south, like most mountain ranges on the Pacific Coast. Cold ocean winds and fog therefore easily travel into the valley and cools it down considerably. 2017 is our first vintage of the Radian Vineyard Chardonnay. The vineyard is situated on the western edge of this unique AVA, on a dramatic, steep slope. Soils in the area are very poor, with elevated calcium levels due to an abundance of ancient sea creature fossils.

TASTING NOTES

The wine opens with a beautiful aroma of white flowers that is complemented by hints of lemon oil and salty ocean air. The combination of cool climate and poor soils lead to a mouthfeel that consists of a complex, layered texture and lively acidity.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100 % French oak; 70% new
Time in oak:	16 months
Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	13.6%
TA:	7.0 g/L
pH:	3.34
Cases produced:	152



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2017	94 points	L.P.B., <i>Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate</i> , February 2020
2017	90 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , April 2020