

# RADIAN VINEYARD

Sta. Rita Hills • Chardonnay

2019

## 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. 2019 is our third vintage from the Radian Vineyard. 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 aroma opens with a beautiful citrus medley of lemon and lime, framed by subtle white flower notes. On the palate this elegant but subtly powerful wine showcases lemon oil with nuances of salty ocean air. The combination of cool climate and poor soils builds the complex, layered texture and lively acidity.

# WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100 % French oak; 33% new

Time in oak: 14 months
Yeast: Native
Alcohol: 14.6%
TA: 5.9 g/L
pH: 3.26
Cases produced: 155
Unfined and unfiltered



## HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2018: **94 points** Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, July 2021

2018: 95+ points L.P.B., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, January 2021
 2017: 94 points L.P.B., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, February 2020

2017: **90 points** Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, April 2020