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2023 STA. RITA HILLS CHARDONNAY PEAKE RANCH VINEYARD

Highlighting lush, layered flavors, bright acidity and impeccably balanced French oak, Migration is dedicated to crafting wines from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions. This dedication led us to Santa Barbara County's renowned Sta. Rita Hills AVA, where Peake Ranch has emerged as one of the Central Coast's most exciting vineyards. Grown on a steep, northwest-facing slope cooled by clockwork wine and fog off the Pacific, the Wente Clone vines on our prized block of Peake Ranch yield a radiant Chardonnay that combines verve and tension with alluring citrus flavors and sophisticated hints of orange blossom and sea spray minerality.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 growing season began with a long, wet winter and an early spring that led to a late bud break throughout the Central Coast. While moderate spring weather ensured a near-ideal bloom, the vines ripened slowly as the mild temperatures continued into summer. In a typical year, we would begin our Central Coast harvest in early September, but in 2023, our first pick was on October 5th. Fortunately, October brought beautiful sunny days in the upper 70s, ensuring excellent ripeness and a perfect balance between acid and Brix without dehydration.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This Chardonnay enchants with delicate aromas of white flower, mineral and slate, interwoven with hints of stone fruit and Meyer lemon. The palate is balanced and vibrant, with subtle notes of sweet oak, bright acidity, and a refreshing, mineral-laden finish that lingers beautifully.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills	ALCOHOL	14.2%
VINEYARD	Peake Ranch Vineyard	PH	3.42
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay	ACIDITY	0.61 g/100 ml
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 10 months in 100% French oak 36% new, 64% neutral		
KEY COOPERS	Cadus, Damy, Tremeaux, Leroi		
MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION	100%		
RESIDUAL SUGAR	Dry		



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