

LAFOND

CHARDONNAV STA. RITA HILLS SRH

UPC# 0 87951 41401 8 12pk | 750ml

GRAPE VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS:

52% Lafond 48% Hilltop Ranch - Santa Rita Hills

The Santa Rita Hills is a small appellation at the western end of the Santa Ynez Valley that has gained national recognition for its Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

The Valley runs west to east, opening a gap in the coastal range, allowing the late afternoon ocean fog to roll in where it lingers until early morning. The surrounding hills trap the fog before it is dissipated in the wider Santa Ynez Valley. A blend of two neighboring vineyards,

The fog cools the vines from the day's summer heat and it is this combination of warm days and cool nights that gives the wine its complexity as well as providing acidity to give it structure.

HARVEST DATE:

Late August to September

228L barrels. 19% New French & Hungarian Oak.

8 different lots from 6 clones provide a multi-faceted expression of SRH Chardonnay. 100% barrel fermented with 100% malolactic fermentation embelishes the intense fruit from SRH.

TASTING NOTES:

this wine showcases the Santa Rita Hills ripe, concentrated Chardonnay for which the AVA is known. Its vibrant flavors from the Lafond Vineyard and HillTop Ranch - are reflected in this wine.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Alcohol: 14.6% | pH: 3.43 Total Acid: .68 | Sugar: Dry Harvest Sugar: 23.2 - 25.1 Brix

