

PRESQU'ILE

SANFORD & BENEDICT CHARDONNAY 2022

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ABOUT

Sanford and Benedict vineyard, originally planted in 1971 under the direction of Richard Sanford and Michael Benedict, was the first vineyard in what would become the Sta. Rita Hills AVA in Santa Barbara County. A true cool-climate site with varied soils, “S&B” as we call it, is a world class source of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay known for complexity and depth.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 growing season began with a rather windy spring resulting in slightly below average fruit set but good size on the clusters. However, the berries remained very small through veraison and consequently, the crop was miniscule. June, July and August saw some of the heaviest mildew pressure we have seen, further reducing our crop load. As usual, the first week in September saw an extended heatwave lasting 10 days. Fortunately, many of the grapes for our estate bottlings were picked prior to the heat. This helped maintain freshness and vibrancy in a vintage that will not be known for its finesse.

VARIETY 100% Chardonnay
VINEYARD 100% Sanford and Benedict
HARVEST 8/30/22
SOIL Clay loam and shale

FARMING Sustainable
TOTAL ACIDITY 7.6 g/L
pH 3.2
ABV 12.9%

FERMENTATION Native Yeast
ELEVAGE 11 months in neutral French oak followed by 6 months in stainless steel.

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY, PRESQU'ILE WINERY PRODUCES COOL-CLIMATE WINES FROM A VARIETY OF ORGANIC AND SUSTAINABLY-FARMED VINEYARD PLOTS THAT SPAN NEARLY 30 HECTARES ACROSS SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. EACH WINE PRODUCED AT PRESQU'ILE IS A DIRECT REFLECTION OF A SPECIFIC VINEYARD SITE'S VARIETY, VINTAGE, AND UNIQUE CLIMATE CONDITIONS. ALL WINES CRAFTED AT PRESQU'ILE ARE VINIFIED WITH A MINIMALIST MENTALITY IN THE CELLAR, WITH THE PURSUIT OF TERROIR-REFLECTION, PURITY, AND DELICIOUS DRINKABILITY PLACED FIRST.

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