PRESQU'ILE

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2020 SANFORD AND BENEDICT VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Sanford and Benedict vineyard, originally planted in 1971, 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 producing wines of depth and complexity.

VINTAGE NOTES

2020 was a vintage that kept everyone on their toes. The growing season began early and was marked with a very mild spring and below average rainfall. June and July were pretty standard and we anticipated a very solid harvest. That was until we saw a dramatic heat spike on Labor Day which was followed a few weeks later with another historic heat spike. Managing pick dates was essential and we were able to produce some exceptional wines in 2020. You will notice the wines to be more fruit forward and accessible at an early age.

HARVEST August 20, 2020 **VARIETY** 100% Chardonnay VINEYARD 100% Sanford and Benedict

ABV 13%

FERMENTATION Native Yeast **ELEVAGE** 11 months in Neutral French Oak followed by 6 months in stainless steal

91 pts. - Vinous

The 2020 Chardonnay Sanford & Benedict Vineyard is a new wine in this range. It shows good energy and delineation, but the mid-palate feels a bit light. Among other things, that tends to obscure some site character. Even so, this is an impressive debut and certainly a very good start.

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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.