



2018 John Sebastiano Vineyard Chardonnay, Sta. Rita Hills

Varietal Composition:

100% Chardonnay

Aging:

14 Months in once used French Oak

Production:

85 Cases

91 Points WE

Vineyards:

John Sebastiano is named for the vineyards two proprietors, John Wagner and Sebastian Sterpa. The vineyard is planted on the extreme Eastern edge of the appellation, as such, it is in a warmer part of the AVA. Soils here are clay-loam underlaid by limestone and vary greatly in depth due to the nature of the slopes and swales of the site. Our Wente clone Chardonnay block is situated on a steep slope that faces directly west and into the winds that blow in off the Pacific Ocean, limiting yields resulting in concentrated flavors. In 2018 the yield was just over 1 ton per acre.

Winemaking:

The handpicked fruit was gently crushed before being pressed and the juice cold settled overnight. The settled juice was then transferred to three once used barrels for fermentation. The juice was then inoculated with a combination of yeasts for complexity and moved to a cold room to ferment slowly. Malolactic fermentation finished before Christmas. Wine was aged sur lees with no stirring.

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Tasting Notes:

The 2018 John Sebastiano Vineyard Chardonnay displays a highly aromatic nose of white flower blossoms and salted nuts. The medium bodied wine is lean but still creamy with clean flavors of lemon curd and flint.

Technical Data:

pH: 3.25 TA: 7.1 g/L Alc: 13.7%



