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## 2018 MT. CARMEL CHARDONNAY

STA. RITA HILLS



VINTAGE: 2018

VARIETAL: 100% CHARDONNAY

AVA: STA. RITA HILLS

GROWER/RANCH: 100% MT. CARMEL VINEYARD

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY: RUSACK VINEYARDS, SOLVANG, CA

BOTTLING DATE: JULY 2019

CASES PRODUCED: 45 CASES

RETAIL PRICE: \$55.00

RELEASE DATE: WINTER 2020

FERMENTATION: BARREL FERMENTED, 100% MALOLACTIC  
LEES STIRRED EVERY TWO WEEKS FOR  
FOUR MONTHS

AGING: 10 MONTHS

100% FRENCH OAK (40% NEW)

BOTTLE ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL: 13.2%

pH: 3.39

TA: 0.716g/100ml

TASTING NOTES: STA. RITA HILLS AVA HAS FAST BECOME A RECOGNIZED REGION FOR GROWING EXCEPTIONAL BURGUNDIAN VARIETALS, AND OUR MT. CARMEL VINEYARD CHARDONNAY IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF THE ULTRA-PREMIUM QUALITY THAT THIS AREA CAN PRODUCE. THIS DELICATE CHARDONNAY OPENS WITH A BOUQUET OF LIVELY AROMAS REMINISCENT OF LEMON CURD, DRIED APRICOT AND LEMON BLOSSOM, WHILE BRIGHT ACIDITY AND A SMOOTH FINISH FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE PALATE.

*The grapes for this Chardonnay hail from the centrally located Mt. Carmel Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. Upon delivery at our winery in the early morning, the grapes were gently pressed, and the resulting juice was then transferred to older French oak barrels. In barrel, the lees were stirred for four months, and the wine underwent full malolactic fermentation. Our Mt. Carmel Chardonnay was aged ten months in barrel before being released in Winter 2020.*

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