



2023
THERESA NOELLE
CHARDONNAY

VINTAGE: 2023
APPELLATION: STA. RITA HILLS
VARIETAL: 100% CHARDONNAY
VINEYARDS: RIO VISTA VINEYARDS
HARVEST DATE: 10/2023
BRIX AT HARVEST: 23.2 – 24.5
ALCOHOL: 13.5%
pH: 3.3
TA: 0.80g/100mL
CASE PRODUCTION: 350
RELEASE DATE: 03/15/2024

VINEYARDS:

The current Rio Vista Vineyard property was settled in the late 1800's by Portuguese immigrants, many from the Azores. Their stories describe an original vineyard that was in the same location as block seven of the present Rio Vista Vineyard. Twenty years ago, in 2001 we planted our first vineyards. Pinot Noir thrives in the Sta Rita Hills, producing elegant, structured wines. The valley's unique east-west orientation is the key to success with other cool climate varieties as well - namely Chardonnay. In 2017 Rio Vista Vineyards planted its first Chardonnay Vineyard and released its first Estate Chardonnay vintage in early 2022. Our 2023 Rio Vista Chardonnay represents the second vintage from that very same vineyard.

VIVIFICATION

The fruit for this bottling was sourced primarily from Rio Vista Vineyard, all in the Sta. Rita Hills Appellation. Our winemaker processes the fruit in small lots. 30% of the finished blend was aged in Neutral French oak with minimal intervention for an average of five months, the remainder in stainless steel barrels.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

Our Chablis style Rio Vista Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills, Chardonnay has a crisp, acidic, and mineral-driven taste. It is the essence of a dry white wine characterized by its purity, crispness, sophistication and Minerality.

TASTING NOTES:

Our Theresa Noelle, Chardonnay is a lightly oaked, unique wine that can be enjoyed young, or aged two to three years, enjoy with seafood or fowl terrines or with grilled or poached fish.
