

PALI WINE CO | 2018 CHARDONNAY 'HIGHLANDS'

ABOUT OUR 'HIGHLANDS' CHARDONNAY

Until 2013, our focus in Sta. Rita Hills was directed exclusively on Pinot Noir. It wasn't until we began searching for land to establish our own estate vineyard in the area that we discovered the naturally beautiful and world-class Chardonnay growing right at our doorstep. The very best Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnays have a deliciously distinct sea salt minerality, from the growing season's maritime influence and one-time ocean floor soil that the grapes are rooted in. Our 'Highlands' is crafted from Chardonnay grapes grown on Pali Vineyard. This wine is expertly blended to capture the spirit of the region and express the unique flavors associated with Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay. Malolactic fermentation is inhibited, resulting in a crisp style of Chardonnay. The grapes for this wine were hand-harvested and then direct-pressed. Juice was pressed into barrels where a long, cool ferment took place. We stirred each barrel daily until bone-dry and then barrel-aged the wine for 300 days in 100% neutral French oak barrels.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Partially inhibited malolactic fermentation preserves brighter and sharper primary characteristics like squeezed lemon, green apple, while also allowing rounder flavors of crème brûlée and grilled peach to show through.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- **VINEYARD(S)**: Pali Vineyard
- **FARMING**: Sustainable
- **ABV**: 13.5%
- **AVA**: Sta. Rita Hills
- **VARIETALS**: 100% Chardonnay, Clones Robert Young and 95
- **PRODUCTION**: 280 Cases
- **FIRST VINTAGE**: 2013

ABOUT PALI WINE CO.

To craft world class, critically acclaimed, site-specific Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays.

Our original Pali brand produces premium Pinot Noir and Chardonnay sourced primarily from vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills and neighboring wine-growing regions. The region's terroir, including its transverse ranges, limestone rich soils, and cool ocean fog, is ideal for growing Pali's poised Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wine grapes. Pali produces a wide-range of bottlings from entry-level to esoteric vineyard and clonal-specific, from still to sparkling, and from white to pink and red. While most of our grapes come from our Sta. Rita Hills estate 'Pali Vineyard,' Pali partners with a handful of other family-owned and world-renowned vineyards in the area among the likes of Fiddlestix, Rancho La Viña, and Bien Nacido Vineyards. Most recently, Pali has introduced its 'Wild Series,' natural wines made using only wild, naturally occurring yeasts that remain unfinned and unfiltered.

