

PALI WINE CO | 2016 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 and other premium vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills in Santa Barbara County. This wine is expertly blended to capture the spirit of the region and express the unique flavors associated with Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay. The grapes are fermented in small lots and then aged in 20% new French oak barrels and 80% neutral French oak barrels for 450 days. Malolactic fermentation is inhibited, resulting in a crisp style of Chardonnay.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Ripe apple and honeysuckle aromas meet with gunmetal on the nose of this bottling. Fresh citrusy flavors meet with toasted hazelnut, hint of flint and chilled apple flesh on the palate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- **VINEYARD(S)** : Pali Vineyard, Huber Vineyard
- **FARMING** : Sustainable (SIP Certified, Pali Vineyard)
- **ABV** : 14.5%
- **AVA** : Sta. Rita Hills
- **VARIETALS** : 100% Chardonnay
- **PRODUCTION** : 154 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 unfiltered and unfiltered.

