

PALI WINE CO

Chardonnay 'Huber Vineyard' No 2016

About our Huber Vineyard Chardonnay : Huber Vineyard, located in the Sta. Rita Hills appellation of Santa Barbara County, is among the oldest vineyards in the region, originally planted in 1987 by Norm and Troudl Huber, German immigrants who settled in the United States. The vineyard comprises Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Dornfelder varieties, and its position at up to 400 ft. above sea level in one of the coolest areas in Sta. Rita Hills, is well protected from the area's harsh winds by the taller hills around it.

Norm and Troudl's German heritage has passed on to the grapes, which have a certain old-world wisdom and sensibility. Our Huber Vineyard Chardonnay, benefitting from the vineyard's location, enjoys the consistent cool growing seasons, ocean breezes, coastal fog, and exceptional loam soils, which result in exciting and unique vintages each year, starting from our inaugural bottling in 2013.

This Chardonnay undergoes a long-cold fermentation before barrel-aging in 50% new and 50% neutral French oak barrels for 480 days.

Several years after the release of this wine, our entire winery team is still astonished by its longevity and its backwards, austere character that keeps improving with time. We consider ourselves lucky to have kept a few cases of this wine so that we can enjoy it many years later. This Chardonnay is truly exceptional and unique, representing the best of Sta. Rita Hills and proving that it can compete with the finest Chardonnays produced anywhere in the world.

Tasting Notes : Our Huber Vineyard Chardonnay is a beautifully balanced white wine with a pale lemon color and green highlights. On the nose, it offers a refreshing bouquet of green apple, lemon zest, wet stones, sea spray, and a subtle hint of white flowers. On the palate, this wine is dry, medium-bodied, and high in acidity, offering flavors that mirror the nose, plus a distinct minerality and a slightly salty character that adds to its complexity.

ABV : 14.2%

AVA : Sta. Rita Hills

Total Production : 118 cases



93 Points

From a vineyard planted in 1986, this twist-top bottling is fresh and lovely, starting with aromas of grapefruit pith, nectarine, Pink Lady apple, orange and chalky minerality. The sip is bright, energetic and snaps with flavors of tangerine, chilled peach and light hazelnut, all wrapped in citrusy freshness and taut tension.

Matt Kettmann, Wine Enthusiast Magazine