

# PALI WINE CO | 2016 CHARDONNAY 'PALI VINEYARD'

## ABOUT OUR 'PALI VINEYARD' CHARDONNAY

In 2015 our own estate vineyard produced its first harvestable crop of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. With a vineyard of our own, we've been able to use the techniques and wisdom passed on to us by local legends, collaborators and wine-growers to cultivate perfectly specific Pinot Noir and Chardonnay for our own winemaking. Pali Vineyard spans 50 acres in Gypsy Canyon of the Sta. Rita Hills appellation in Santa Barbara County. 6 acres are planted to Chardonnay, where the grapes are farmed using the highest quality, least intrusive and most sustainable farming practices. On Pali Vineyard there is a bio-diversity of life including wild plants, grasses and insects, helping to naturally maintain healthy soils without the use of chemical farming. We chose to plant clones originally grown in Dijon in Burgundy, France that are suited for a cool-weather site like Pali Vineyard, and although they can crop at below average quantities, we prefer the superior quality when used to make elegant, mineral and acid-driven Chardonnays like this one. The grapes for this estate Chardonnay were hand harvested and hand sorted before fermented in small lots and barrel aged in 50% new French oak barrels and 50% neutral French oak barrels for 420 days before bottled. All of our vineyard designated wines express the nuanced characteristics discovered on remarkably unique and excellent vineyards

## WINEMAKER NOTES

This bottling shows a purity of aroma and flavors, starting with sea salt, russet apples and light marshmallow on the nose. The palate shows pan-seared apples with a touch of sea salt, white peach and a hint of hazelnut, with a flash of crème brûlée on the finish.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- **VINEYARD(S)** : Pali Vineyard
- **FARMING** : Sustainable (SIP Certified)
- **ABV** : 14.3%
- **AVA** : Sta. Rita Hills
- **VARIETALS** : 100% Chardonnay, Clones 17 & 37
- **PRODUCTION** : 75 Cases
- **FIRST VINTAGE** : 2015
- **ACCOLADES** : 93 Points, Wine Enthusiast / 92 Points, Wine Advocate

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**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.

