

PALI WINE CO | 2018 CHARDONNAY 'PALI VINEYARD RESERVE'

ABOUT OUR 'PALI VINEYARD RESERVE' CHARDONNAY

When we planted our estate vineyard in 2012, we expected it to produce amazing Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay. Even still, most years we are blown away by individual barrels that far exceed our already intense expectations, and when that happens those barrels are set aside and bottled separately as part of our 'Reserve Series'. Our 'Pali Vineyard Reserve' Chardonnay is crafted from the best barrels and the best blocks on our vineyard, including only the most intense and concentrated wines, blended together prior to bottling. It most elegantly expresses the nuanced flavors of the Chardonnay grape and the land they come from—a gentle, southeast facing slope comprising mostly sandy soil. All grapes are hand harvested, hand sorted, and directly pressed. The juice was then transferred to individual barrels where a long, cool fermentation occurred. We stirred each barrel daily until bone-dry, and barrel-aged the wine in 100% new French oak barrels for 600 days.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Preserved lemon, pineapple, light hazelnut and vanilla bean aromas show on the nose of this reserve bottling. Similar flavors show on the palate, where the texture is smooth rather than grippy.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- **VINEYARD(S)** : Pali Vineyard
- **FARMING** : Sustainable (SIP Certified)
- **ABV** : 14.3%
- **AVA** : Sta. Rita Hills
- **VARIETALS** : 100% Chardonnay, Clones 95
- **HARVEST DATE** : September 22, 2018
- **BRIX AT HARVEST** : 24.1
- **pH AT HARVEST** : 3.41
- **PRODUCTION** : 115 Cases
- **FIRST VINTAGE** : 2017

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 unfined and unfiltered.

