



*Huber*

## 2002 ESTATE CHARDONNAY

Huber Estate Chardonnay wines illustrate the simpatico relationship that the Chardonnay varietal enjoys with the critically-acclaimed Santa Rita Hills appellation. Located only miles from the Pacific ocean, our estate vineyard benefits from consistent maritime influences, resulting in long hang-time for our Chardonnay.

Plentiful sun, singular microclimates and a sandy loam soil marry to create a Chardonnay that is an accurate reflection of this varietal's true character. Choosing not to interfere with the inherent terroir of the Santa Rita Hills appellation and the way in which it shapes the flavor profile of our Chardonnay, this wine experienced very little malolactic fermentation. A gentle, non-intrusive oak note allows us to build structure into our Chardonnay without compromising its inherent tropical and floral flavors.

Suggestions of star jasmine, ripe pear and honeydew melon are evident on the forward, alluring nose of this wine. The lingering finish is made all the more pleasant by a balanced acidic note and clean sensation on the palate. Huber Chardonnay benefits from only a slight chill, as a frost on the bottle will serve to only mask the more delicate properties of this wine. Best paired with mild cheeses, salads and seafood dishes, but it is so evocative and flavorful on its own, that it has been referred to as an elegant sipping wine. While it will cellar well for several more years, it is best enjoyed in its youth.

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