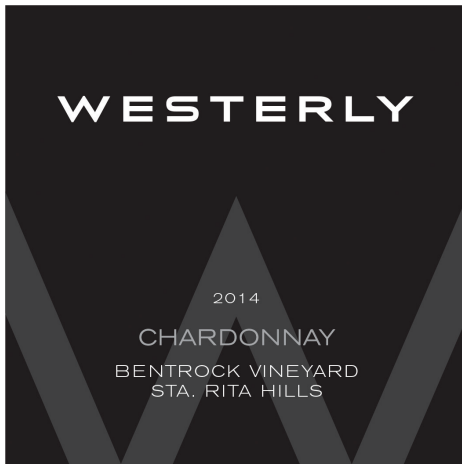


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2014 WESTERLY CHARDONNAY STA. RITA HILLS



COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

BALANCED AND SOFT, THIS WINE DRINKS BEAUTIFULLY NOW AND WILL CONTINUE TO POSITIVELY EVOLVE OVER THE NEXT 3-4 YEARS.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The first *single-vineyard* wine to debut in the Westerly portfolio: This fruit was sourced from two adjacent blocks of Bentrock Vineyard Chardonnay, located on the historic Rancho Salsipuedes. The fruit was harvested by hand into small lugs, then whole-cluster pressed and 100% barrel fermented in new 228 liter French oak barrels. The final cuvée was aged *en barrique* with bimonthly lees stirring for 10 months before being bottled in July 2015.

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 Westerly Bentrock Vineyard Chardonnay is a tightly knit, elegant wine that authoritatively illustrates the style of the Sta. Rita Hills. Bright, balanced acidity allied with a mouth-filling tension on the palate gives this wine razor-like precision and sharpness of focus. The bouquet is highlighted by aromas of white flowers, minerals and wet rocks- while the palate is deftly layered with flavors of stone fruits and citrus zest with a subtle element of baking spices. This wine drinks extremely well now but has great potential to positively develop in the cellar over the next 10 years.