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## 2021

*Our estate single-vineyard Bentrack, Radian and Puerta del Mar wines are incredibly specific. They magnify singular flavors that exist on each particular site and are focused on a particular plot of soil. These wines zoom in on one specific set of parameters. They are ultimate wines of terroir.*

### **Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:**

This one is unforgettable. The western facing slopes of Radian thrived in the cool and consistent 2021 vintage and produced a wine that creates a wild and thrilling ride. Honeysuckle, white truffle, sweet baked corn, lavender honey, lemon curd and shortbread. Laser-like and fully alive. Focuses its energy on the front palate and then quickly electrifies the entire mouth. Green agave, classic Radian lime pith, lemon grass and orange blossom. More breadth and density than earlier editions, but still delineated and so pure. Crunchy sea salt. The ultimate majestic margarita. Hints of tropical guava and passionfruit alongside earthy straw and notes of wet rock. Gunflint and even a touch of white pepper appear in this highly complex and sophisticated bottle.

### **Radian Vineyard Chardonnay**

CASES: 179  
 APPELLATION: Sta.Rita Hills  
 VINE AGE: 14 years  
 ALCOHOL: 13.0%  
 BLOCKS: 50% Block 31 (cl. 95), 25% Block 59A (cl. Musque), 25% Block 34B (cl. 548)  
 BARREL REGIME: 85% neutral French oak barrels, 15% stainless steel barrels for 11 months, followed by 5 months in stainless tank with full lees.

### **91 Points**

Antonio Galloni  
*Vinous*  
 July 2023

### **93 Points**

Jeb Dunnuck  
[jebdunnuck.com](http://jebdunnuck.com)  
 August 2023



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