

Brewer - Clifton

The Santa Rita Hills AVA is the sole driving force behind our brand, and with each passing year we gain more and more confidence in the wines produced from the appellation. This well defined area offers one of the longest, coldest and most windswept growing seasons of anywhere in the world, all dictated by the ferocious Pacific Ocean influence from nearby Point Conception. That oceanic severity, coupled with an intriguing diversity of marine-based soils consistently lead to very dynamic and expressive wines which still maintain great purity and precision. The wines' intensity is further amplified during a harvest such as 2003, where a very early bud break and poor Spring fruit set lead to miniscule yields (even more dramatic than the low yielding 2002 harvest).



2003 Vintage

Chardonnay, 2003, Ashley's, Santa Rita Hills

Nectarine, butterscotch and brie cheese rind aromas followed by white peach, river stone and caramel flavors. Extremely voluminous and complex in the mouth.

2,880 bottles produced

Chardonnay, 2003, Clos Pepe, Santa Rita Hills

Lemon drop, citrus and floral aromas followed by quince, sweet basil and miel de agave flavors. Creamy yet very lively on the palate.

840 bottles produced

Chardonnay, 2003, Melville, Santa Rita Hills

Lime, margarita mix and grey ash cheese rind aromas followed by vanilla, salt water taffy and briny ocean flavors. Driven, yet fleshy and weighty on the palate.

1,440 bottles produced

Chardonnay, 2003, Mount Carmel, Santa Rita Hills

Cherimoya, Thai basil and nutmeg aromas followed by apricot, passion fruit and unsweetened coconut flavors. Very direct, elegant and precise on the palate.

1,680 bottles produced

Chardonnay, 2003, Sweeney Canyon, Santa Rita Hills

Lychee, orange blossom and star anise aromas followed by citrus and mineral flavors fused with briny flavors. Incredibly rich yet razor sharp in the mouth.

4,320 bottles produced

Chardonnay, 2003, Rancho Santa Rosa, Santa Rita Hills

Kiwi, muscat and orange blossom aromas, followed by lemon zest, crème brûlée and toasted almond flavors. Very crisp and streamlined on the palate.

1,140 bottles produced.