



## BARDEN

2019 Barden Pinot Blanc  
La Encantada Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills

The BARDEN trade name is Douglas Margerum's middle name and its English meaning is "Lives near the boar's den..." thusly, we have adorned the label with an image of the wild boar that is pervasive in our area's vineyards.

**Vineyard Region:** Sta. Rita Hills – La Encantada (100%)

**AVA Description** – Sta Rita Hills, Santa Rosa Road, North facing slopes on uplifted oceanic sedimentary deposits, valley oriented in east-west direction allowing cool ocean air to roll in each evening bringing cool, damp air that pushes back the warmer interior valley heat. Foggy mornings also limit sun exposure along with cooler temps that depress plant growth and subsequent yield.

**Vintage Conditions:** 2019 was an outstanding vintage. It was a very cold winter and a very mild spring and summer leading to slow maturation and long hang times for increased complexities. Harvest was much later in the summer which allows us to harvest under kinder conditions – there were essentially no heat spikes which tend to cause panic and backups in the winery.

We are, and have been, very excited about vintage 2019 and we are proud to release this astonishingly complex and savory Pinot Blanc.

**Harvest Date:** September 24th, 2018

**Winemaking:** The Grapes were picked for a balance of flavor, acidity and low alcohol, barrel fermented in our 55-degree winery, partially inoculated for malolactic fermentation and battonaged for 3 months.

**Barrel Type:** Stainless Tank ~ **Time in Barrel:** 10 months ~ **Production in Cases:**

**Wine Analysis & Production:** Harvest Date: 9/25/2018 Brix (at harvest): 23.7  
Alcohol: 13.9 pH: 3.10 TA: 6.0

*Winemaker comments:*

**Color:** Light golden with straws hues. Bright.

**Aroma:** Creamy, hints of apples and rich tropical fruit.

**Palate:** The rich full palate mingles with notes of pineapple and citrus, leading to a crisp, complex finish. We recommend this wine for dining with sophisticated friends.

**Peak Drinking:** Now – 2036

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