

Sommeliers of the American Riviera

2026 Review
Sta. Rita Hills AVA

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Barden
2022 Sta. Rita Hills, Chardonnay

This wine exhibits flavors and aromas of lemon, peach, pear, yellow apple, lemon candy, banana candy, sea salt, vanilla, ginger snaps, strawberry shortcake, saltwater taffy, cream cheese, honeycomb, candied almonds, citrus blossom and jasmine. Straw yellow in color, this wine showcases vibrant minerality that is framed by its ripe fruit and structure.

Winemaker: **Robert Daugherty**

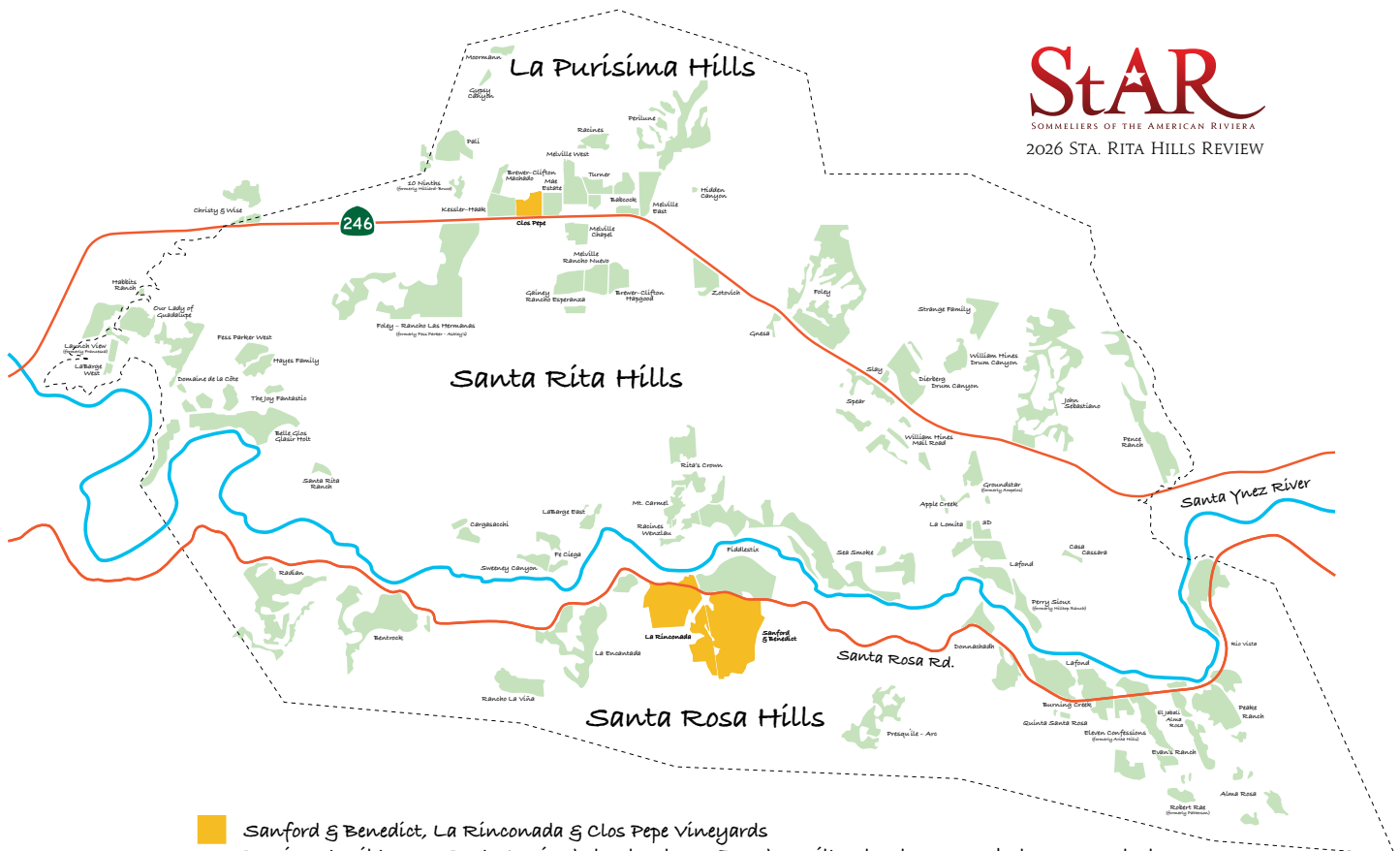
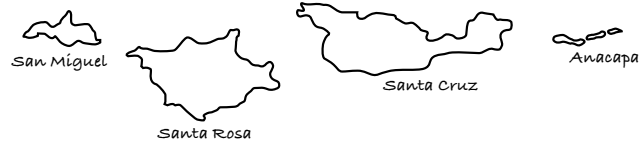
Vineyards: **Sanford & Benedict**
La Rinconada
Clos Pepe

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1. Santa Maria valley AVA
2. Santa Ynez valley AVA
3. **Sta. Rita Hills AVA**
4. Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara AVA
5. Ballard Canyon AVA
6. Los Olivos District AVA
7. Alisos Canyon AVA



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Sanford & Benedict, La Rinconada & Clos Pepe vineyards
Dominant soil types : Santa Lucia shaly clay loam, Bayshore silty clay loam, sandy loam, gravelly loam, fragmented chert, diatomaceous earth and Monterey Shale.