

CHAMISAL

VINEYARDS

2018 STAINLESS CHARDONNAY • CENTRAL COAST

THE VINEYARDS

Sourced from coastally influenced vineyards as far north as Gonzales in the Salinas Valley to our very own Chamisal Vineyard in the Edna Valley. The commonality of these vineyards is their cool, maritime influenced climates that retain acidity and prevent overripe characters from developing in the grapes.

VINTAGE

After a relatively dry winter, the clouds opened up in Spring and we had a very wet, cold March, delaying bud break. A cool spring continued with a very extended period of grapevine flowering, leading to a lot of variation between blocks. Moderate summer temperatures with a lack of heat spikes resulted in harvest starting just prior to Labor Day weekend. The moderate weather continued through harvest, allowing us to pick almost at leisure and generating long hang times. Yields were variable but quality was very high due to small berries and the long, consistent ripening period.

WINEMAKING

Harvested at night and pressed in the cool of the morning, this juice is carefully handled to minimize oxidation before fermentation in stainless steel tanks using specifically selected yeasts. A long, cool fermentation ensures the retention of fresh esters and thiols that drive the delicious aromatics of this wine. Partial malolactic fermentation softens the high natural acidity and adds layers of complexity.

SOIL TYPE

Varying, ranging from sandy and granitic soils of the Eastern Salinas Valley, to clay rich soils of the Edna Valley.



TASTING NOTES

This Chardonnay is all about purity and focus. Clean, vibrant fruit aromatics show immediately in the glass, with notes of citrus, red apple and passionfruit. The palate showcases the ability of a chardonnay to be crisp while retaining opulence. Without the influence of oak, this wine exhibits a surprisingly round entry followed by long, linear acidity which is tempered by a slight creaminess from the partial malolactic fermentation.

APPELLATION	CENTRAL COAST
VARIETAL	100% CHARDONNAY
OAK TREATMENT	NONE
ALCOHOL	13.5%
CASES MADE	6,000
RELEASE DATE	SEPTEMBER 2019
SRP	\$18