

CHAMISAL

VINEYARDS

2019 CHARDONNAY • MONTEREY COUNTY

THE VINEYARDS

Predominantly sourced from vineyards in the Central part of the Salinas Valley, around King City. This area sees relatively warm temperatures early in the day but in the afternoon, cooling breezes off the Pacific Ocean funnel down the valley moderating the temperature. The soils range from decomposed granite to sandy loam but are overall very free-draining and devigorating.

VINTAGE

The defining feature of the 2019 growing season was the winter rainfall. The Central Coast saw more than double our average annual rainfall, which was a blessing. Rains continued well into Spring and coupled with the coldest March and April on record, we had a very late start to the growing season. Due to the rainfall, we had a lot of canopy growth, and this coupled with a slightly lower than average crop load, led to rapid ripening and despite the late start, harvest was only a few days later than normal. Vintage weather was nicely temperate with grapes flowing in at an easy pace.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for this bottling was picked at night and pressed while it was still cold to maintain fresh and clean fruit aromas. The juice from individual vineyard blocks was then racked to barrels and small tanks and kept separate through processing before inoculation with our favorite yeast strains. After fermentation, this wine was aged in barrel for 8 months and underwent full malolactic fermentation to add rich texture, then it was racked to tank and aged on the lees for one month prior to bottling.

SOIL TYPE

Varying, ranging from sandy and granitic soils of the hills east of the Salinas Valley, to the clay rich alluvial gravels of the Salinas Valley floor.



TASTING NOTES

This full-bodied wine exhibits classic varietal characteristics with aromas of toasted oak and crème brûlée. The entry is fruit driven with hints of lemon cream, Fuji apple, ripe pineapple and baked pear, leading to a rich and creamy mid-palate. Finishing clean with lingering acidity and broad texture, the wine is a beautiful example of Monterey County Chardonnay.

APPELLATION	MONTEREY COUNTY
VARIETAL	100% CHARDONNAY
OAK TREATMENT	8 MONTHS IN 30% NEW FRENCH OAK
ALCOHOL	13.3%
CASES MADE	1,958