

CHAMISAL

VINEYARDS

2018 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

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 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

The fruit for this bottling was picked at night and pressed while it was still cold to maintain fresh clean aromas. The juice from individual vineyard blocks was then racked to barrels and small tanks and kept separate though processing before inoculation with our favorite yeast strains. After fermentation, this wine was aged in barrel for 14 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	14 MONTHS IN 50% NEW FRENCH OAK
ALCOHOL	13.6%
CASES MADE	3,841
RELEASE DATE	JUNE 2020
SRP	\$24