

Landmark Vineyards

2018 HILLIARD BRUCE CHARDONNAY

VARIETAL	Chardonnay
APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
BARREL REGIME	French oak aged for 14 months (30% new)
FERMENTATION	Native Yeast
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	February 2020
ALCOHOL	14.2%

VINEYARD NOTES

Situated near the north-western edge of Santa Barbara County's prestigious Sta. Rita Hills appellation, this vineyard's proximity to the Pacific Ocean provides a definite cool-climate character to this wine. Planted in well-drained, low vigor, sandy soils, combined with a long, cool growing season contribute an added intensity and complexity to the fruit that truly expresses an elegant characteristic to this vineyard. Sourcing from 3 separate blocks planted with the small clustered Dijon clones 76 and 96 provides winemaker, Greg Stach, the high-quality fruit to craft this unique Chardonnay.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our three Hilliard Bruce Chardonnay blocks in the Sta. Rita Hills were handpicked on the night of October 13th and delivered to the winery in the morning. Each block was whole-cluster-pressed separately and allowed to settle for a day and then placed in French oak barrels (30% New). Each wine ferments with indigenous yeast and goes through 100% malolactic fermentation before it is bottled unfiltered after 15 months in the barrel.

TASTING NOTES

Medium lemon color, aromatic with aromas of lemon, green and yellow apples, lemon pie, with subtle honey. The palate is dry, nearly full-bodied with lemon, green and yellow apple, a hint of green pear, vanilla and toasty oak on entry. The mid-palate starts crisp, matched by creamy lemon yogurt with savory chamomile and lemongrass going into a fresh, lingering finish showing sustained complexity framed by baking spice.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2018 Hilliard Bruce Chardonnay is crisp and refreshing with bright fruit, savory elements and creamy texture. Pair it with a classic Southern Fried Chicken with traditional sides like creamy mashed potatoes.

WINERY HISTORY

Nestled at the base of the Mayacamas Mountains in the Sonoma Valley, Landmark Vineyards epitomizes the rustic grace and beauty of Sonoma County. Since 1974, Landmark has been dedicated to producing handcrafted, ultra-premium Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, sourcing grapes from unique vineyard sites throughout California to create rich, balanced wines.

