

Landmark Vineyards



2019 HILLIARD BRUCE CHARDONNAY

VARIETAL	Chardonnay
APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
BARREL REGIME	French oak aged for 15 months (30% new)
FERMENTATION	Native Yeast
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	March 2020
ALCOHOL	14.2%

VINEYARD NOTES

Nestled along the northwestern edge of Santa Barbara County's prestigious Sta. Rita Hills appellation, Hilliard Bruce Vineyards proximity to the Pacific Ocean provides a definite cool climate character to this wine. Planted in well-drained, low vigor nutrient poor sandy soils, combined with a long, cool growing season contribute to the intensity and complexity to the grapes that truly express an elegant characteristic to this Vineyard Designate Chardonnay. Sourcing from this extreme growing region required fostering a long-term relationship with our grower partners, who subscribe to our high-quality wine growing practices. Sourcing from 2 blocks planted on the floor and 1 planted on a hillside with the small clustered Dijon clones 76 and 96 provides Winemaker Greg Stach the high-quality fruit to craft this unique 2019 Hilliard Bruce Vineyards Chardonnay.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Handpicked on October 2nd and delivered the following morning to Kenwood, the 2019 Hilliard Bruce Chardonnay is sourced from three unique block in this organically farmed vineyard. 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 lemon, golden delicious apple, toasted oak, lemongrass, pineapple, and chamomile. The palate is dry and crisp with ripe lemon, yellow apple, and a hint of mandarin orange fruit on the entry. Toasted oak, barrel spice, and brioche appear on the midpalate with yellow and green apple, lemongrass mixed with lingering oak and subtle salinity on the finish.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

Fresh and balanced on the palate, the 2019 Hilliard Bruce Chardonnay is a great pairing with seared scallops in a lemon butter sauce.

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.