

# Landmark Vineyards

## 2019 SANGIACOMO CHARDONNAY

<b>VARIETAL</b>	Chardonnay
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Carneros
<b>BARREL REGIME</b>	French oak aged (35% new)
<b>FERMENTATION</b>	Native Yeast
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Greg Stach
<b>BOTTLING DATE</b>	March 2021
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.3%

### VINEYARD NOTES

The prized source for this Sangiacomo Vineyard Designate is ideally situated in the cool and windy Sonoma Carneros AVA just north of San Pablo Bay. This appellation is highly regarded as one of the finest places to grow Chardonnay in California. Requesting hand-harvesting at night for this bottling, the grapes for this Chardonnay arrive at the winery in the cool morning hours. The venerable 2019 Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay is sourced from two separate blocks of grapes at the Kiser Vineyard. These distinctive blocks are planted to the highly desired and low yielding Old Wente selection, with its characteristic uneven berry sizing. Even though these vineyards are early ripening, the patience required by winemaker Greg Stach allowing the grapes to reach ideal fruit maturity with optimal acid and sugar balance is paramount for this wine.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 Sangiacomo Chardonnay is derived from one section of Wente Chardonnay from the Kiser Ranch section of the vineyard. The vineyard section was divided in two and picked about a week apart. The fruit was handpicked on September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup> and delivered to the winery at first light. Each lot was whole-cluster pressed and the juice settled for a day before being racked to French oak barrels (35% new). An indigenous fermentation with yeast on the grapes ferments the wine to dryness and lees stirring is performed every two weeks to help create a creamy mouthfeel. The Chardonnay is encouraged to go through full malolactic fermentation and is bottled unfiltered.

### TASTING NOTES

Lemon color with aromas of ripe lemon, yellow delicious apple, white peach, pineapple, oak, vanilla, and subtle butterscotch. The palate shows ripe citrus, yellow apple, and stone fruit on entry with toasty oak and barrel spice and sustained ripe fruit through the mid-palate balanced by fresh acidity and savory elements. The finish is moderately long with notes of shortbread, oak, and a fine dusty texture.

### SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2019 Sangiacomo Chardonnay is a rich, complex wine that shows full ripe fruit balanced with savory flavors and attractive textures. It's a great wine to pair with grilled swordfish with a lemon garlic sauce, or pasta alfredo garnished with lemon zest.

### 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.



### TASTING NOTES BY GREG STACH, WINEMAKER

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