

Landmark Vineyards

2020 RODGERS CREEK CHARDONNAY

VARIETAL	Chardonnay
APPELLATION	Sonoma Coast
WINEMAKER	Greg Stach
BOTTLING DATE	March 2022
ALCOHOL	14.3%



VINEYARD NOTES

The 2020 Rodgers Creek Chardonnay came from Landmark's exclusive source for this penultimate vintage of Chardonnay from this vineyard. In partnership with the growers, the grapes for this wine are from a block developed exclusively for Landmark in the early 2000's with the Wente, See, and Robert Young selections. This ridge-top vineyard exposes the vines to the merciless afternoon winds coming off the Pacific Ocean and through the geologic gap of the Petaluma Gap appellation. Planted on thin volcanic Rhyolitic soils at 550 feet above sea level, the Rodgers Creek Vineyard has provided Landmark with high quality fruit for well over a decade. The combination of climate and the low fertility soils limit both the size of the canopy and grape clusters which consistently produces small, frequently seedless, intense flavored berries. The relentless pressure of the midday winds and the mature vines produce a well-balanced wine, with a sense of place and elegance truly expressing the "Petaluma Gap" viticultural area.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2020 Rodgers Creek Chardonnay is comprised of three small blocks made up of Wente, See, and Robert Young clones that we consider the sweet spot in the vineyard. Each block was separately hand-harvested, whole-cluster pressed, and settled overnight. The next morning, the juice was racked and put into French oak barrels where it experienced spontaneous fermentation, which adds layers of complexity to the wine. It was bottled unfiltered after 14 months of sur-lie aging.

TASTING NOTES

Beautifully yellow in color with a highly aromatic nose that jumps out of the glass with notes of lemon curd, juicy red delicious apple, ripe nectarine, and tart pineapple. The midpalate is round with moderate acidity and shows a flinty minerality and citrus blossoms. Toasted oak notes of baking spice and vanilla bean with sustained fruit persist through a moderately long finish.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

The 2020 Rodgers Creek Chardonnay pairs well with Peruvian-style grilled chicken that has been marinated in paprika, cumin, garlic, and white wine vinegar for a great meal.

TASTING NOTES BY GREG STACH, WINEMAKER

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