

Landmark Vineyards

2017 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 2019
RELEASE DATE	April 2019
ALCOHOL	14.2%

VINEYARD NOTES

Situated near the north-western edge of Santa Barbara County's prestigious Sta. Rita Hills appellation, the blocks that we source from provide Winemaker, Greg Stach with the small clustered Dijon clones 76 and 96 to craft this Chardonnay. 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 in combination with a long, cool growing season contribute an added intensity and complexity to the fruit that truly expresses an elegant characteristic to this Chardonnay. Sourcing from this extreme growing region required fostering a long-term relationship with our grower partners, who subscribe to our quality wine-growing practices.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Both of our Hilliard Bruce Chardonnay blocks were handpicked on the night of September 15th in the Santa Rita Hills 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

Pale yellow color with aromas of lemon, green and yellow apple with a little tropical fruit, toasted oak, and a hint of wet limestone mineral notes. The palate is crisp, dry and nearly full-bodied with lemon and golden delicious apple on entry. Oak, buttered toast and subtle herbal notes join toward the mid-palate which gains in richness toward the finish with lingering notes of citrus and herbs..

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

Fresh with a clean citrus character and fullness on the palate, the 2017 Hilliard Bruce Chardonnay pairs nicely with lemon garlic butter shrimp served over pasta.

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.