

Varietal 100% Chardonnay

**Appellation** Sonoma Mountain

Vineyard Pugash

Oak 60% new French oak

Aging 18 months

**Alcohol** 14.5%



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#### SONOMA MOUNTAIN CHARDONNAY

This small-production Chardonnay from a hillside vineyard planted by the Pugash family 40 years ago produces miniscule quantities of exceptionally-flavored grapes that yield a delicious wine of great balance.

STARTING IN THE

#### **VINEYARD**

Record-breaking winter rainfall kicked off the season, filling the water table to capacity and replenishing soils. A mild spring brought bud break at the normal time, and vintners reported small berries with excellent color. A hot summer culminated in a Labor Day weekend heat wave, where the grapes endured the heat and once cooler weather arrived, fruit was able to mature at a gradual pace. At harvest, the fruit came in with excellent color, pronounced flavors and high quality across varieties.

TO THE

### **CELLAR**

The juice was fermented with active yeasts and aged for 18 months in 60% new French oak. It underwent full malolatctic fermentation, which balances the wines inherent acidity and lends a luscious texture on the palate. Delicious now and will age 8-10 years with proper storage.

**IN YOUR** 

# **GLASS**

Brilliant and clear, this wine shines with a golden-straw hue. Bright citrus and rich tropical fruits take center stage on the nose—lemon curd, guava, pineapple—in addition to green apple, vanilla, and a whisper of nutmeg. True to style, this Chardonnay holds a gorgeous tension of ripe California fruit balanced by a Burgundian-style minerality. The palate reveals a round, creamy mouthfeel accented by apricot, pineapple, sweet oak, and wet stone with a clean, mineral-driven finish.

ON YOUR

## **TABLE**

The fresh, vibrant qualities of this wine make it an excellent partner for richer seafood dishes like Crispy Soft-Shell Crab or Scallops in Citrus Cream Sauce. A triple cream cheese such as Brillat-Savarin or Epoisses de Bourgogne would be an effortlessly beautiful match.