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Vineyards & Winery

CAMP MEETING RIDGE *Estate Bottled* CHARDONNAY 2019



TASTING NOTES — THE 2019 CHARDONNAY FROM OUR CAMP MEETING RIDGE VINEYARD WALKS A TIGHTROPE OF INTRIGUING CONTRASTS AND DICHOTOMIES—IT’S REMARKABLY FRESH AND VIBRANT BUT RICHLY TEXTURED AT THE SAME TIME. AROMAS OF DELICATE CITRUS BLOSSOM AND MEYER LEMON ZEST OPEN, JOINED BY FRESH PEAR AND HINTS OF WHITE STONE FRUIT LAYERED WITH THE SITE’S SIGNATURE COASTAL BRININESS: A MINERAL-DRIVEN OYSTER-SHELL QUALITY WITH RESINY HERBS AND HINTS OF ANISE THAT NUDGE THE WINE IN AN APPEALING SAVORY DIRECTION. THE WET-STONE CHARACTER PERSISTS AND FRAMES THE PALATE, UNDERLYING AN EXOTIC PRESERVED-LEMON CHARACTER ACCENTUATED BY BRIGHT MARINE ACIDITY CARRYING THE WINE THROUGH A LONG, TEXTURED FINISH.

Vintage Notes:

The growing season was a rare repeat on the Sonoma Coast (following a superb 2018) of near-perfect conditions. In the winter, heavy rainfall set the vines up for healthy growth through the year. We even had snow on the ridgetop, aerating the ground under our cover crops for happier roots. Spring was sunny and clear but cool, leading to early bud break and promising a long growing season. Consistently mild temperatures followed through the summer, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly, retaining their vibrant acidity even as sugar levels rose. The perfect balance the vineyard gave us translated into an eloquent Chardonnay in the bottle - a true expression of the land.

Sourcing:

For the 2019 Chardonnay, we only used fruit from our organically farmed Camp Meeting Ridge Vineyard, just a stone’s throw from the Pacific Ocean in far-west Sonoma. Planted 30 years ago, in 1991, the mature vines are well acclimated to the cool site and are producing our most exciting and interesting Chardonnays to date. Given the extremes of the vineyard—intricate microclimates and diverse soils—each small block ripens at its own pace. We harvested the grapes by hand in individual picks in the early morning to ensure that the fruit was in the best possible condition and came in at a cool temperature, to be whole-cluster pressed by sunrise.