

## 2018 Sea Smoke Chardonnay



**Winemaking:** Our estate-grown Chardonnay fruit was picked and hand-sorted in the vineyard before spending the night in our cold room. Chilled grapes were softly pressed and the juice was gently pumped into a stainless steel tank and cold settled. Once the heavy solids were removed, the juice was racked to a stainless steel fermentor, then inoculated for primary fermentation. Following primary fermentation, the wine was racked to barrels, inoculated for malolactic fermentation, then periodically stirred to enhance depth and mouthfeel. The 2018 Sea Smoke Chardonnay was aged for a total of 10 months prior to bottling with no fining and no filtration.

**Character:** An elegant Chardonnay with aromas of Starfruit, Mango and Ceanothus. Complemented by Orange zest and a slight nuttiness in the focused mid-palate and the refreshing cool climate acidity of our estate vineyard.

Appellation Santa Rita Hills

Composition 100% Chardonnay

Vineyard Source Exclusively Sea Smoke Estate Vineyard

Alcohol 14.6% by volume

pH 3.35
Total Acidity 6.3 g/L
Barrel Aging 10 months

Oak Profile Exclusively French Oak—24% New Barrels

Native Yeast Fermentation 30%

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