



2019 CHARDONNAY ANDERSON VALLEY ESTATE FELIZ

ESTATE: Tanbark Mill Vineyard

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

CASE PRODUCTION: 667 (6/750ml)

SOIL TYPE: Feliz Loam

BLOCKS: 18, 19 & 20

PRESS PROGRAM: 3.5 hours customized slow pressing up to 1.1 bars

CLONES: 76, 95 & 96

CHARACTERISTICS: Small berries, concentrated fruit, balanced acidity, vibrancy

VITICULTURE: Organically farmed using deficit irrigation

FERMENTATION:

- Primary fermentation starts in stainless steel for 1-4 days
- French oak barrels for 3-5 weeks
- Secondary malolactic fermentation

ELEVAGE:

- Minimal intervention
- 21 months in French oak, 30% new
- Filtration: Gently filtered before bottling

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

"A stunning color of light gold with a green accent. The bouquet is powerful and floral and shows an intriguing array of aromas: honeysuckle, fresh green apple, and gentle touches of vanilla. On the palate, it is vibrant and concentrated around a vivacious core. Spice and sweet ginger play with apricot and citrus to an endless finish. Chiseled, concentrated but precise, it will delight for years to come."

– Stéphane Vivier

VINTAGE NOTES:

2019 was a very wet winter with rain coming into spring. Keeping the vines in balance was especially important this year. Successful management of the vines along with wonderfully mild weather through summer gave us warm days and cool nights. This is a recipe for success in vineyards, the vintage gave us a great balance of sugar and acid with complete phenolic ripening. We had ripe flavors with freshness along with nice acid balance.

LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated, organic farming system, using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egg-laying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens. All crops are certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.