

CINNABAR

WINERY

Chardonnay 20

Santa Cruz Mountains 15

92 Pts ~ *Wine Enthusiast*, October 2018

The Taste

Citrus Rind, Salted Caramel, Nutmeg

The Science



Alcohol

14.70%

pH

3.35

Acidity

0.645/100ml

Varietal Content

100% Chardonnay

Vineyards

Sunny Acres

Vineyards &

Skyland Vineyards

Stats

788 cases produced

Harvested Sept. 8-23, 2015

Released May 3, 2017

Age 5-7 years

The Magic



- Whole cluster pressed
- 100% barrel fermented with native yeast
- Aged for 11 months in French oak (30% new)
- Barrels are stirred monthly during fermentation

The Alchemists

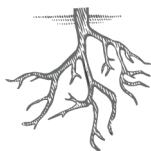
George Troquato, *Winemaker* & Alejandro Aldama, *Cellar Master*

The Grape



Chardonnay is the most widely planted white grape in California. The cool climate of the Santa Cruz Mountains combined with lean mountain soil make the ideal environment for growing intense Chardonnay fruit with great aging potential.

The Land



Skyland Vineyard is a one-acre dry farmed vineyard planted in 1999 that lies within sight of Monterey Bay. Steeply terraced, it offers sandy loam mountain soils and extended periods of sunlight from full southern exposure. Sunny Acres Vineyard, a four-acre cane pruned vineyard, is nestled in a quaint valley within 3 miles of the Pacific Ocean near the town of Scotts Valley.

The Season

2015 marked the 4th year of drought in California. Cool weather during bloom in May and June led to a remarkably early harvest, resulting in lower yields, but fruit with concentrated flavors and colors.