

CINNABAR

WINERY

Chardonnay 20

Santa Cruz Mountains 19

The Taste

Lemon Zest, Pineapple, Vanilla, Nutmeg

The Science



Alcohol
14.1%

pH
3.45

Acidity
0.69g/100ml

Varietal Content
100%
Chardonnay

Vineyards
Three select
Vineyards Santa
Cruz Mountain

Stats

500 cases produced
Harvested Sept. 12-30, 2019

Released Oct 1, 2020
Age 5–7 years

The Magic



- 100% whole cluster pressed
- 100% barrel fermented
- Aged for 11 months in French oak (30% new)
- The lees (yeast cells that settle to the bottom of the barrel) are stirred monthly during fermentation to extract flavor, aroma, and texture

The Alchemists

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

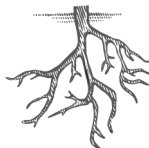
The Grape



Chardonnay is the most widely planted white wine grape in California. When grown in a cool region like the Santa Cruz Mountains, the Chardonnay grape results in a well-structured wine with great aging potential. The cooler mountain weather enables the grape to ripen slowly, thus maintaining acidity and delicate citrus aromas that are the characteristics of this variety.

The Chardonnay grape is an excellent match for the Santa Cruz Mountain appellation.

The Land



The Santa Cruz Mountain appellation is based on an elevation of 400' and above on the westside and 800' on the eastside. The three select vineyard sites for this vintage are from the cooler westside. The soils tend to be very sandy, well-draining, with a deeper clay layer. These complex soils combined with the cooling maritime influence, produce grapes high in natural acidity and a minerality, that result in well-structured wines with tremendous ageability.

The Season

The winter of 2019 brought a welcomed bounty of rain to many regions of California. No frost during the springtime bud break and mild weather in bloom time May, were great signs of a bumper crop to come. An overall warm year without any major heat spikes with cooling fall weather, allowing the vineyards to ripen slowly, maximizing full flavor development.

A winemakers' dream vintage!

