

Our Rugged Elements series are limited production wines that reflect the diversity and richness of the very best vineyards in Sonoma County. Influenced by the elements that define the terroir - from the river to the soil and trees, to the dense fog and ocean, each wine is a unique expression of the single vineyard it was sourced from.

FROM THE WINEMAHER

The grapes were hand harvested at night on September 17th, allowing us to gently process the clusters. At the winery, the fruit was whole cluster pressed to protect the crisp flavors of the Chardonnay grapes, and the juice was settled in stainless steel tanks before being placed in French oak barrels for fermentation. The wine was bottled after 11 months of extended sur lie aging where the yeast lees were stirred weekly to give the wine its pleasant, creamy texture.

TASTING NOTES

This Chardonnay offers creamy texture and pleasant minerality with aromas of baked apple, brioche, cinnamon stick, and nutmeg. The mouthfeel is rich and broad with flavors of ripe pear and a hint of meringue. The lush viscosity lingers long after.

THE VINEYARD

Located at the southeast end of the Dry Creek Valley AVA, Andrew's Vineyard sits between two creeks where the river rocks are smoothed by the passing water. The naturally cooler climate of this location combined with the Yolo Silt Loam soil formed from flooding provide the ideal conditions for producing outstanding Chardonnay.

WINEMAKING DETAILS

- Composition:** 100% Chardonnay
- Harvest Date:** September 17th, 2019
- Harvest Method:** Handpicked at night
- Aging:** Barrel fermented in 60% French oak, 40% Hungarian oak, 40% of the barrels new
- Acidity/pH:** 5.2g/L, pH = 3.61
- Alcohol:** 14.5%
- Production:** 276 cases
- Bottled:** August 2020

VINEYARD DETAILS

- Region:** Dry Creek Valley
- Elevation:** 88'
- Latitude:** 38° 36' 17.892" N
- Longitude:** 122° 52' 32.34" W
- Block Area:** 7.7 acres
- Year planted:** 1997
- Rootstock:** 3309C
- Clones:** 4, 76, 95, 96
- Soil:** Yolo Silt Loam



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