

FELTA 2019 CHARDONNAY

The Chalk Hill Estate has a long history experimenting with Chardonnay, both in the vineyard and the winery. One of the great things about an estate is the ability to take the time to do things carefully and thoughtfully. Each Chardonnay block here is planted with the ideal clone and rootstock, the result of years of learning what works best where. This Chardonnay takes its name from the alluvial soil on our estate called Felta. Its gravelly texture and naturally balanced nutrients allow for optimum growing conditions for Chardonnay.

Each Chardonnay barrel is unique, from variations in the barrels themselves to the particular native yeast population that ferments the juice in that barrel. When blending our club Chardonnays, we choose the specific barrels that best show the characteristics of that vineyard. Our 2019 Felta Chardonnay has beautiful aromas of peach, vanilla and pear framed by toasty oak spice. On the palate, a dense, rich, round mouthfeel is perfectly balanced with bright acidity, integrating cream, nectarine and mineral flavors that lead to a juicy finish.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: October 3, 2019 Average Yields: 4.89 Tons / Acre Average Brix at Harvest: 24.5°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

100% Native Yeast Fermentation in Barrel
100% Malolactic Fermentation with Bi-weekly Bâtonnage
Cooperage: 100% French Oak, 67% New
Barrel Aging: 13 Months

WINE

Blend: 100% CHARDONNAY
Bottling date: February 2021

pH: 3.49 TA: 5.86 G/L Alcohol: 14.9%

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