

## LITTLE PATCH 2020 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 Little Patch vineyard block on our estate. Little Patch has Arbuckle soil and Clone 15 Chardonnay.

Each Chardonnay barrel is unique to best showcase the site from which it was grown - from variations in the barrels themselves to the particular native yeast population that ferments the juice in that barrel. The 2020 Little Patch Chardonnay is medium-bodied with a round, rich and creamy texture that is balanced by generous fruit notes of guava, pear, apple, baking spices, and toasty oak.

## HARVEST

Harvest Dates: September 13, 2020 Average Yields: 4.45 Tons / Acre Average Brix at Harvest: 25.1°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

100% Native Yeast Fermentation in Barrel
100% Malolactic Fermentation with Bi-weekly Bâtonnage
Cooperage: 100% French Oak, 70% New
Barrel Aging: 15 Months

## WINE

Blend: 100% CHARDONNAY

Bottling Date: December 3, 2021

BOTTLED UNFINED & UNFILTERED

pH: 3.75 TA: 5.61 G/L Alcohol: 15.0%