



# CHALK HILL

CHAIRMAN'S CLUB

2017 CARMÉNÈRE

OUR ESTATE WEST VINEYARD is a spectacular site with a warm south-facing slope perfect for growing red Bordeaux varieties. The rocky, porous volcanic soil challenges the vines. Yields are low, and the grapes are incredibly dark and flavorful. Cabernet Sauvignon thrives here. Our two acres of Carménère were originally planted as an experiment, but it has become a key player in some of our blends. In fact, this wine is composed of 73% Carménère with the balance being Cabernet Sauvignon.

The 2018 growing season was one of the most consistent in recent memory. Mild spring weather led to prime fruit set and ideal growing conditions. Deep red in color, our 2017 Carmenere opens with intensive aromas of black licorice, dried thyme, blackberry and smoldering wood. It's soft, plush tannins meld together with flavors of toasted vanilla and raspberry providing an elegantly long finish.

## HARVEST

*Harvest Dates:* OCTOBER 27, 2017

*Average Yields:* 1.9 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 24.6°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTATION WITH PUMPOVERS  
100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE

*Cooperage:* 100% FRENCH OAK, 75% NEW

*Barrel Aging:* 20 MONTHS

## WINE

*Blend:* 73% CARMÉNÈRE, 27% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Bottling Date:* JUNE 9, 2019

*pH:* 3.77      *TA:* 5.3 G/L      *Alcohol:* 14.9%