



RANCH

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Arroyo Seco

2016 CHARDONNAY

ESTATE GROWN | MONTEREY

On the west side of the Salinas Valley, directly in the path of Monterey's relentless afternoon winds, sits Ranch 32. This is the place where we first planted vines back in 1972. Ranch 32 is about highlighting the natural characteristics of the terroir and conveying the taste of place. Each vintage, we produce small lots of wines from our sustainably farmed estate vineyards that represent the best of the appellation.

SITE SELECTION

Our 2016 Chardonnay hails from the Arroyo Seco AVA and two of our estate vineyards. These two rolling sites sit on the western shelf of the Salinas Valley below the Santa Lucia Mountains. The climate is heavily influenced by the cool afternoon winds that sweep down the Salinas Valley each afternoon off of the Monterey Bay. With nutrient-rich shaly loam soils, this is renowned terroir for both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

TARGETED WINEMAKING

Select lots of grapes for this Chardonnay were whole-cluster pressed and slowly fermented in stainless steel tanks at cool temperatures to enhance the aromatics. A portion of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation to add viscosity and complexity. The oak regimen was 100% French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Bright, crisp and balanced, our 2016 Chardonnay captures the distinct personality of the Arroyo Seco AVA. The nose delivers pear, citrus, tropical fruit and toasted vanilla beans. The palate is rich and concentrated with notes of pineapple, butterscotch and minerality. This versatile wine can be served as an apéritif or as an accompaniment to your favorite fowl and seafood dishes.

2016 VINTAGE ANALYSIS

Varietal: Chardonnay
AVA: Arroyo Seco
Alcohol: 13.5%
pH: 3.55
TA: 5.5 g/L
Aging: 10 months — 100% French oak, 35% new
Winemaker: Vincent Catalaà



ADVANCED SUSTAINABILITY

Harnessing the breezes that blow through the Salinas Valley daily, our entire winery operation is 100% powered by wind. Our estate vineyards are certified by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance.

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