



SOTER VINEYARDS

2020 Estates Chardonnay

THE VINEYARDS. Wines in the ‘Estates’ series are comprised of grapes grown entirely from our Estate holdings, which includes but is no longer limited to our flagship property, Mineral Springs Ranch. With recent property acquisitions, and the perfection of long-term leases and grape contracts, we can now rely on secure, “Estate” controlled sourcing for all the wines that carry the Soter name. The vineyard blends for these bottlings is not formulaic and will vary depending on ripeness, yields, quality and the flavor profiles of each site.

THE VINTAGE. The 2020 growing season started in April with bud-break, the true herald of harvest. The spring was temperate,

and the shoots grew at a modest pace, allowing the vines to reach a healthy height before the onset of bloom in June. Flowering occurred during a stretch of weather that included periods of scattered sunshine and light drizzly rain which resulted in smaller berries, meaning more skin components per berry volume of juice, which in turn means more potential for color, and concentration. The wildfires that punctuated the 2020 vintage started in our region on Labor Day, putting a literal cloud over the holiday weekend. While this was a once in a lifetime weather event for many regions up and down the west coast, the impacts on wine were variable and dependent on many factors. We were fortunate we had the opportunity to make some delightful wines from the vintage, albeit in more limited quantities.

AROMAS	PRIMARY FLAVORS	SECONDARY FLAVORS	FINISH
ripe apricot bosc pear yellow apple	ripe lemon wild apple white stone fruits	cocoa butter toasted almond hay	lemon peel lingering
VARIETAL	100% Chardonnay		FERMENTATION and AGING
VINEYARD / APPELLATION	50% Tarren Estate Vineyard, Certified Organic (CCOF), LIVE, Salmon Safe 50% Mineral Springs Vineyard, Certified Organic (CCOF) and Biodynamic (Demeter)		100% barrel fermented aged 12 months in barrel and six months in stainless steel aged 12 months in bottle prior to release
ALCOHOL	13.2%		
PRODUCTION	600 cases		

