



RIVERBENCH



2017 BEDROCK CHARDONNAY

Estate Grown & Bottled – Santa Maria Valley

COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay, Clone 4
HARVEST	September 18, 2017
COOPERAGE	100% Stainless Steel
ACIDITY	0.57 g/100ml
PH	3.65
ALCOHOL	12.2%
BOTTLED	July 27, 2018
PRODUCTION	534 cases
PRICE	\$26

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Chardonnay is truly one of the world's most versatile varieties, and we love showing it in all its various forms. Our version of the "no oak" trend is a stand-out representation of the purity of the Chardonnay grape. Crisp and bright, this wine boasts a bright nose of pineapple and lemon zest thanks to its fermentation in 100% stainless steel tanks. A little time sur lies and partial malolactic fermentation add a richness that balances out that tart fruit, and the palate of pear, starfruit and a hint of cream make this a perfect treat all on its own or paired with a range of foods. This vintage in particular has a gorgeous aroma of freshly cut grass thanks to cooler fermentations, and maybe a little wet river rock mixed in. Enjoy poolside, with brunch, or near the grill with friends.

2017 HARVEST

The 2017 growing season proved to be a continuation of another drought year. The winter brought some needed rainfall, early bud break and spring frost coupled with the dry and warm summer ensured another early harvest. The marine layer had minimal influence, which is unusual for the Santa Maria Valley. What we didn't see early in the season was the light yields across most parts of the ranch and varieties. Pinot Noir had small berries and clusters, with no wings or shoulders to bolster cluster weights. Berry Set following Bloom was very good and we were happy with great quality going to the winery. Sparkling started the first week of August with our Pinot Meunier and we were into full swing the last week of the month through most of September. A heavy thunderstorm on September 3 was followed by more thunder, rain and hail on September 10. Exciting light show and rain amounts per hour left little sleep for vineyard and winery workers to follow.

