



THE STORY

The Mountain Estate Chardonnay vines grow on a steep, rocky, Northeast-facing slope at an average elevation of 1,300 feet, receiving early morning sun and minimal exposure to hot afternoon temperatures. Planted in 1999, this vineyard has proven ideal for the gradual ripening and maximum maturation of Dijon clone Chardonnay grapes.

THE WINE

- 100% Chardonnay
- Harvested September 6th – 18th
- Whole cluster sorted, then lightly pressed
- Juice cold settled for 24 hours and moved to barrel by gravity
- Fermented, then aged 16 months in French oak barrels (45% new)
- No sulfite additions during the 16 months in barrel
- Lees stirred twice monthly for 14 months
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered
- Alcohol by volume 14.3%
- Bottle date: January 2019
- 434 cases produced

TASTING NOTE

The 2017 Chardonnay Mountain Estate Vineyard is a gorgeous wine that captures all the phenolic intensity that is so typical of this site. Ripe pear, graphite, sage, dried herbs, dried flowers and chamomile all develop in the glass, but it is the wine's weight and viscosity that really stand out.

- 94 Points, Antonio Galloni, *Vinous Media*