



SANDAR & HEM

2019 BALD MOUNTAIN CHARDONNAY

APPELLATION: Santa Cruz Mountains

SUBREGION: Ben Lomond Mountain

VINEYARD: Bald Mountain

VARIETY: 100% Chardonnay

AGING: Fermented and aged in French oak barrels (25% new) for 12 months sur lie, then 6 months in stainless steel

CASES PRODUCED: 93

RELEASE DATE: Spring 2021

THE VINEYARD

Three miles inland and 1000 feet above the Monterey Bay, atop a gentle southern-facing slope of bright white Zayante sands, lies the Bald Mountain Vineyard. Intense marine influence, the unique soil series, and 30 year-old own-rooted vines result in wines of of great character. Farmed exclusively with organic practices.

THE VINTAGE

El Niño storms in the winter provided substantial rainfall; a welcome relief after the dry winter months of the previous year. With ample water in the ground, heat spikes in June and July produced rapid vine growth and an abundance of full clusters. By late August the heat of the summer was interrupted by periods of fog and scattered light rains. 2019 will be a vintage marked by good yields for most, and exceptional quality for those who picked with precise timing.

TASTING NOTES

Delicate aromas of white citrus flower and stone fruit are framed by notes of citrus with a racy line of mouthwatering acidity and a long mineral finish that is hallmark for this incredible site. The concentrated low-yield fruit results in a structured wine with great focus and a satisfying length on the palate.

