



## SANDAR & HEM

### 2019 FRANCES J VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

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APPELLATION: Santa Cruz Mountains

VINEYARD: Frances J

VARIETY: 100% Chardonnay

AGING: Fermented and aged in French oak barrels (1/3 new) for 12 months sur lie, then 6 months in stainless steel

CASES PRODUCED: 67

RELEASE DATE: Spring 2021

### THE VINEYARD

The Frances J Vineyard lies in a dramatic amphitheater-like bowl framed by steep sandy loam slopes of an ancient marine terrace. The 25-year-old vines benefit from warm days on a south-facing slope, moderated by cool air and fog in the evenings from the nearby Monterey Bay. Farmed exclusively with organic and sustainable 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

Aromas of Asian pear, pineapple, jasmine, and toasted brioche lead into a zesty palate of lime and green apple. A healthy backbone of acid and a mineral mouthfeel balances the richness of the fruit.

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