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# 2020 Damiana Vineyard Chardonnay

## Vintage



Santa Cruz Mountain AVA



Elevation:  
1930 feet



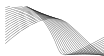
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Heavily fractured  
Lambert Shale,  
Mudstone

%

13% Alcohol



Composition:  
100% Chardonnay



295 Cases  
Produced

Winegrower: Nathan Kandler  
Vineyard Manager: Julio Deras

A mostly mild but dry season was punctuated by dry lightning and wind on August 16th, igniting the CZU complex fire, which burned within 10 miles of the winery. The smoke blew toward the coast for the first week of the fire, but that soon changed, and smoke enveloped the vineyards affecting the character of the fruit. We made the gut-wrenching decision that no red wine was to be bottled from the vintage, as the compounds contained within the skins and the wines were damaged and displaying smoky flavors and texture. We harvested some of the early lots and made some wines but dumped it out when we realized it was tainted. Due to delayed analytical results across the state, we made micro fermentations (basically big buckets of fermenting grapes) of all the lots and performed sensory analysis and determined that red wines were not going to be viable. We did conclude that if we were careful in pressing (using lower pressure in the press and pressing the grapes immediately) we could make white wines that escaped the smokey characteristics found in the reds. While our losses in the vineyard pale in comparison to the loss of home and life from the fire, it was a heartbreaking year nonetheless.

# Vineyard

Our oldest vineyard—planted in 1978, often produces our densest and most opulent Chardonnay. Its exposure is primarily southwestern, which can mean more sun during the growing season, though this site is heavily influenced by the maritime breeze most afternoons. Shallow top soils of fractured Lambert shale and mudstone limit vigor and lead to wines with great concentration and intensity. This is one of the first Estate Chardonnay vineyards that we pick.

## Tasting Notes

Chalky and grippy textures with aromas of baked lemon, macadamia nut, and sea salt. Balanced with acidity and tropical fruit.



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