



2020 Mindego Ridge Vineyard Chardonnay

Vintage



Santa Cruz Mountain AVA



3.3

%

13.2% Alcohol



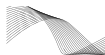
295 Cases
Produced



Elevation:
1890 feet



Sandy Loam, Lambert
Shale



Composition:

100% Chardonnay

Vinegrower: Nathan Kandler
Vineyard Manager: Julio Deras

A mostly mild but dry season was permeated by dry lightning and wind on August 16th, igniting the CZU complex fire, which burned to within 10 miles of the winery. Smoke originally blew towards the coast but changed direction after the first week of the fire, enveloping the vineyards and 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 displaying very characteristic smoky flavors and texture. We harvested a few early lots to make test wines, but they were tainted beyond repair. In lieu of delayed analytical results across the state, we made micro fermentations (large buckets of fermenting grapes) of all lots, performed sensory analysis and determined the 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 smoky 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

Mindego Ridge Vineyard is located at the western end of Alpine Rd. near the town of La Honda. It is a perfectly exposed, south-facing hillside in a very cool spot. Planted in 2009, the nine acres of Pinot Noir here are lovingly farmed by Dave and Stacey Gollnick. The clay loam over shale soils produce wines of great intensity. This is one of the more exciting new plantings in the Santa Cruz Mountains.



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commentary



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