

B SIDE

2017 NORTH COAST CHARDONNAY



TASTING NOTES

The B Side Chardonnay is a glistening, light gold color in the glass which offers expressive aromas of Red Delicious apple, poached pear, whipped crème, and toasted brioche bread. The pronounced aromas lead to a juicy, lush palate with flavors of ripe stone fruit, warm pie crust, toasted caramel, and honey notes. The medium-bodied wine is a fine balance of good fruit concentration, rich texture, and a healthy streak of mineral laced acidity. The wine is aged for 12 months in a combination of aged and new French Damy and DJ oak barrels. The B Side Chardonnay is a delicious wine to sip alone but it pairs perfectly with a well-curated cheese board of Brie, Pecorino, and aged Manchego.

APPELLATION

The majority of the Chardonnay for this wine comes from Watmaugh Ranch Vineyard located in the heart of Sonoma Valley. This vineyard is planted mainly to the Hyde-Wente clone of Chardonnay which is native to many of the historic Sonoma vineyards. This clone is known for its unique and complex fruit characteristics. The location of the vineyard, in a cool wind tunnel of Sonoma Carneros, allows for extremely long hangtime and intense flavor development. This Chardonnay is usually not picked until October when most Sonoma vintners are picking their red grapes! This extended hangtime allows the fruit to fully develop and gives the wine delicious apple, lemon crème, and citrus fruit flavors. In addition to the majority of the Sonoma Valley fruit, Chardonnay lots from Mendocino County were also used in the final blend. This very nice, cool climate expression of Chardonnay lends great weight and apple nuances to the final wine.

SPECIFICATIONS

COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
APPELLATION	California North Coast 60% Sonoma Valley Sonoma and 40% Mendocino
VINTAGE	2017
Alc.	14.5%
pH	3.57
TA	5.9 g/L
AGING	100% aged in French Oak barrels (Damy & DJ), 20% new, last 6 months aging in stainless steel tanks
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VINTAGE

The North Coast region enjoyed above average rainfall that helped end the ongoing California drought; the vines were healthy and well-watered and enjoyed a warm summer when harvest began at a normal time and pace. The harvest yields are what was expected and quality and flavor development is excellent in the vintage 2017 wines.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Our roots trace back to an authentic place. B Side wines are rare, unconventional and often lesser known. We follow a rhythm no one else can hear separating our wines from others with smooth, soulful palettes and perfectly tuned notes. B Side is a complex wine, made simply. For those who know the difference.