

JCB
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Chardonnay

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Grape Variety: 100% Chardonnay

Region: Santa Lucia Highlands

Winemaking Notes:

Whole cluster barrel fermented

Aged in 100% French oak, sur lie with monthly battonage

20% new oak

aged for 10 months

Tasting Notes: The cool climate vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands produce grapes with high acidity and brightness that delight the palate. Creamy citrus, white peach, delicate floral notes and odes de kaffir lime leaf on the nose. Undergoing complete malolactic fermentation, this Chardonnay entices the palate with the smooth and rich aspect of crme brulee and mentions of sweet oak. Notes of citrus, like preserved meyer lemon and lightly toasted coconut fully envelope the mouth, and hints of minerality lead to a balanced and clean finish.

What The Number 49 Signifies: Inspired by the growth and change in California in 1849, Jean Charles wanted to craft a Chardonnay as momentous as the discovery of the first nuggets of gold. At the same time, California was emerging anew, and with the writing of the first state constitution...the state of California was born!

Jean Charles crafted the No 49 in **TRIBUTE** to the year 1849. The year when California's first state constitution was crafted and signed in Monterey, and also a time of great **ENTERPRISING** due to the gold rush. Today we know that the true gold of California is this **GOLDEN** elixir – Chardonnay!