

Ernest Vineyards

Cleary Ranch Vineyard Chardonnay 2018

Sonoma Coast

The Farmer

THE VINEYARD: Downslope from his father's Freestone Hill Vineyard, John Cleary and his family have their own parcel of West Sonoma Coast vineyard land: this 6-acre plot. Ernest has leased and farmed this site since 2015 which, as our coldest vineyard, is a challenging task in even the best years.

LABEL STORY: Todd's maternal grandparents left Orange County, California, and relocated to an 80-acre farm in the Central Valley. The change necessitated adjustments, but The Farmer, Grandpa Ray, kept at it, learning as he went and helping to raise adventuresome children and grandchildren.

TASTING NOTES: Starry pale-yellow in color, cool-climate characteristics on the nose, including precisely focused pear, citrus and mineral. Decadent with juicy notes of baked apples, a touch of oak, and creaminess, but matched with acidic, youthful vibrancy.

AGING: 30% NEW FRENCH OAK

CASES PRODUCED: 190

ALC. BY VOL: 13%

