

# GARDEN CREEK

ALEXANDER VALLEY

## 2019 Garden Creek Chardonnay Estate Clonal Selection Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

CASES MADE  
180 / 750ml

RELEASE DATE  
April 2023

WINEMAKERS  
Karin and Justin  
Warnelius-Miller

### Winemaker Notes

A wine of vibrancy, tipicity and varietal exurburance lead by the hands of the vigneron. Alluring aromatics revealing the sophistication of this vintage. Notes of citrus blossom, honeysuckle flower, Meyer Lemon zest, and stone fruits of apricot and white peach. A classic well poised mid-weighted Chardonnay of extraordinary expression, precision and beauty marked by bold aromas of yellow citrus rind threaded with salient natural acids, earthy stone and orchard fruit skins and a crushed oyster shell like minerality **into a sanguine, lasting finish.**

### Vintage

2019 began with late winter rains propelled into a late spring and a delayed bud break subsequently a long warm growing season. Harvest was expected to arrive in September, as we historically experienced rather than the past few years prior with an earlier harvest when drought is the precursor. An unusual rain in early May, otherwise a very warm long growing season and an extended hang time for the fruit on the vine equating to more luscious flavors and greater acidity retention due to the cool marine air kissing our land each evening. Our intention is to reveal the tremendous character of our land and soils thru careful clonal selection. Night harvesting began at midnight pre-fermentation maturations occurred 24-hours in stainless allow skin contact for gentle tannins and mineral richness, whole cluster pressing. Inoculation occurred with slow fermenting yeast. Eleven months in French barriques of 8% new a sophisticated oak elegance, surlie aging for texture alongside balance, weight, and sophisticated aromatics. Cellar aged for 36 months upon release.

### Vineyard

22 acres of Estate Chardonnay. Soils consist of clay, metaphoric and alluvial soils. Eleven clones grown under strict organic and regenerative vineyard management practices since 1994. Vineyard planted in 1970 and 1980.

*Serve at 55° to allow the natural aromatics and texture to appear.*



APPELLATION  
Alexander Valley  
Sonoma County

MATURITY  
2023 thru 2042

VINEYARDS  
100% Estate Grown

HARVEST DATES  
September 13-28, 2019

CLONES  
41, 76, 95, 548, 809

FERMENTATION  
Lots Kept Separate By  
Clone and Soil  
Selection  
Montrachet Yeast  
French Oak Barrel  
Fermentations

SITE  
Benchland

ELEVATION  
425 Feet

SOIL  
Alluvial, Volcanic, Clay

VINEYARD PLANTED  
1970 & 1980

BARREL AGING  
French Burgundy  
Château Tonnelleries  
Sirugue & Latour  
New 5%  
Old Oak 95%  
11 Months Aging

BLOCKS  
7,8,9

FINAL ANALYSIS  
Alcohol 13.9%

DATE BOTTLED  
September 10, 2020

SINCE  
1969

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