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**.

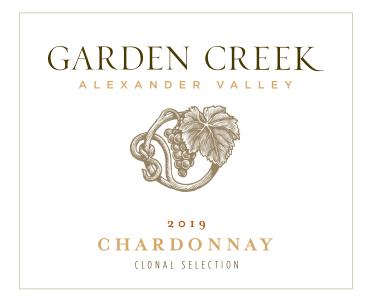
Vintage

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 regernative 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

VINEYARDS
100% Estate Grown

CLONES 41, 76, 95, 548, 809

sıte Benchland

elevation 425 Feet

SOIL

Alluvial, Volcanic, Clay

vineyard planted 1970 & 1980

BLOCKS 7,8,9 MATURITY 2023 thru 2042

HARVEST DATES September 13-28, 2019

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

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

FINAL ANALYSIS Alcohol 13.9%

11 Months Aging

DATE BOTTLED
September 10, 2020