



**2018 CHARDONNAY**  
**MILL STATION VINEYARD**  
**SONOMA COAST AVA**

- Release Date:** April 2020
- Production:** 8 Barrels
- Varietal:** 100% Chardonnay
- Vineyards:** Mill Station Vineyard  
Sonoma Coast Green Valley, Sonoma County
- Winemaking:** Justin and Seana Stephens, Proprietors  
Kirk Venge, Winemaker
- Cooperage:** Aged for 16 months in 100% French oak, 33% new.
- Vintage Notes:** As vintages go, 2018 was joyously tranquil. From the start in early February and through the mild weather of the Spring flowering season, nature cooperated in exactly the ways desired for an ideal grape set. As summer continued, we saw relatively few heat spikes and slow, but steady progress in the vineyards which lead to extended hang times. While calm, 2018 was a marathon for winemaking as it required extended focus on the needs of each individual vineyard site well beyond the average year. Happily, this attention was rewarded with beautiful wines across our portfolio.
- Vineyard Notes:** Our Chardonnay is sourced from the Mill Station Vineyard located in Green Valley which straddles both the Sonoma Coast and Russian River AVAs. In many ways this is the perfect location for our preferred style of Chardonnay as it is noticeably cooler than the Russian River Valley, allowing for the preservation of high natural acidity while also being a touch warmer and sunnier than the true Sonoma Coast which allows the fruit to develop richer denser flavor. This vineyard is farmed by the Dutton's who as a family have been working this land since the 1880's.
- Tasting Notes:** On the nose, rich hints of lychee, honeysuckle, orange blossom and meyer lemon are framed by subtle French oak driven vanilla and caramel aromatics. Once tasted, immediate flavors of lemon curd, orange zest and passion fruit rise up and are met by the bright acidity which lingers alongside the fruit to provide balance and create a pleasant mouthwatering effect.
- Aging Advice:** Enjoy readily in its youth, slightly chilled or at cellar temperature for full expression. For those who enjoy mature white wines, age confidently for 5+ years.