THE FORME STATES

2021 ESTATE CHARDONNAY

WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT PASO ROBLES CALIFORNIA

TASTING NOTES

For 23 years we have made our Estate Chardonnay using the same old world techniques taught to Rich Hartenberger by his mentors. Hand-picked from our Estate vineyard and whole cluster pressed, we passionately age in French oak barrels sur lie. A very uniquely clean, crisp style with traditional flavors of green apple, spice, and French vanilla mingling with a hint of ginger and balanced acidity. Drink thru 2023.

ACCOLADE	90 James Suckling
WINEMAKER	Rich Hartenberger
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
COOPERAGE	15% new French oak 85% neutral French oak
AGING	6 months
pH/TA	3.35/6.5
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.9 g/L
ABV	14.8%
PRODUCTION	640 cases



VINTAGE NOTES

Midnight Cellars was blessed with a good amount of pre-season rainfall for its estate vineyards in 2021. Much of the rain poured during a single storm in late October, sending both the vineyard and production teams into overdrive for a short time. Although a mad dash was crucial in an effort to get the grapes off the vine, all other aspects of harvest 2021 went smoothly. Resulting in both good yields and quality, Rich Hartenberger and the Midnight Cellars' team are confident knowing these wines are showing great depth of flavor at lower potential alcohol levels and well-balanced acidity.

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