



## 2024 ESTATE CHARDONNAY

WIILLOW CREEK
DISTRICT
PASO ROBLES
CALIFORNIA

## **TASTING NOTES**

Radiant in the glass with a honeyed, white-gold hue, this Chardonnay opens with an inviting bouquet of sun-kissed pear and delicate apple blossom. On the palate, vibrant flavors of honeycrisp apple and silky lemon meringue glide effortlessly, wrapped in a soft embrace of vanilla. The texture is elegant and supple, a brightness that carries it through a lingering, graceful finish.

Pair with baked brie topped with apricot preserves, poached pears, or even a southern-style banana pudding for a decadent twist - this wine is as versatile as it is charming. A beautiful expression of the vintage, and a perfect companion to golden afternoons and candlelit evenings alike.

WINEMAKER Rich Hartenberger

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

COOPERAGE 70% neutral French oak,

30% new French oak

AGING 6 months

pH/TA 3.35/5.55

RESIDUAL SUGAR 3.0 g/L

**ABV** 14.9%

PRODUCTION 330 cases



2024 was a challenging season for growers and producers across all of Paso Robles, and Midnight Cellars was no exception. Luckily, our team is resilient. With unreliable weather came a delay in vine growth, cluster development, and berry maturity. The cooler than average spring temperatures were followed by a warmer summer that lasted into fall. These combined anomalies resulted in fickle yields. Harvest itself began roughly two weeks later than what we typically see. While the amounts we brought in were lower, the quality was high. This resulted in a vintage showing concentrated color, structure, and flavor we can all be confident in and proud of.

