

Midnight Cellars

88 points **Wine & Spirits**

2018 ESTATE CHARDONNAY

Willow Creek District
Paso Robles, CA

WINEMAKER

Rich Hartenberger

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

COOPERAGE

20% new French oak
80% Neutral

BARREL AGING

7 months

pH / TA

3.36 / 0.630 g/L

BRIX

23

RS

0.02%

ABV

14.4%

PRODUCTION

470 cases



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage saw an almost ideal balance of vine health and stress, as is often the case with the first dry year after a very wet one. The rain came late, delaying the onset of budbreak and the beginning of the growing season. The cool weather continued most of the year, punctuated by a six-week heat wave in July and early August. Temperatures moderated before picking began and harvest proceeded under slightly cooler than normal conditions, producing fruit with intense flavors and balanced acidity.

TASTING NOTES

Hints of yellow apple and lime peel meld with honeysuckle for an inviting nose. Meanwhile, lemon curd, vanilla and white peach notes accompany a well-rounded mouthfeel with a smooth finish.

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