

2018 Chardonnay, El Dorado AVA

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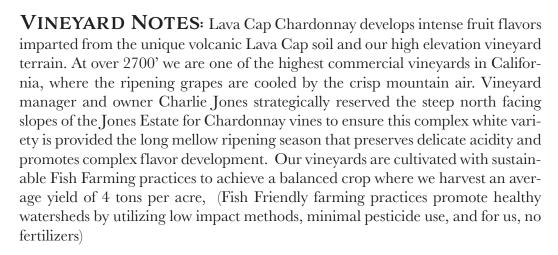
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HARVEST DATES: Late August and beginning of September 2018 VINEYARD: Lava Cap Farms, Walker Vineyard, Cloud Vineyard

AGING: 10 Months in French and Hungarian Oak

CASES PRODUCED: 4500

ALC: 14.3%



WINE MAKER NOTES: To balance the complexity of the Chardonnay fruit, Joe Norman head winemaker, selects an array of French barrel producers to ferment and age the wine. To develop our characteristic richness, 80% of our Chardonnay ferments and ages in barrel for 10 months while the remaining lots ferment and age in small stainless steel tanks. This allows us to use up to 7 unique yeast strains including wild and exotic selections. During fermentation and aging the lees are stirred imparting a rich pie crust note on the mid palate and finish. The final wine displays rich zesty lemon and apple blossom aromas that leads into pleasant notes of Bartlett pear and a light toasty vanilla finish.

