

# BIANCHI

## 2018 RESERVE CHARDONNAY

Bianchi Winery Reserve Chardonnay is a luxurious, fully oaked expression of the varietal composed of top shelf, single vineyard fruit out of Santa Barbara County. Silky and golden, this 2018 vintage goes through primary fermentation in the barrel, and we use sur lie aging (stirring bi-weekly,) to achieve maximum amounts of aromatics and body. Resting for 10 months in 100% New French oak François Ferrer barrels enhances the nutty qualities in the wine and supplies us with the creamy texture and buttery flavors that exude lush, overripe core fruit, baked apple pie and toasty almonds.

### VINEYARD

“El Camino Vineyard”, where our premium Chardonnay grapes are grown, is situated in the cool, coastal landscape of Santa Barbara County. Located in the Los Alamos sub-region, El Camino Vineyard is known for producing exceptional Burgundian inspired wines with a distinct freshness and delicate minerality. Clone 76, which was used exclusively in this wine, enhances these qualities and provides balance and loads of aromatics. This highly regarded Burgundian Chardonnay clone flourishes in the maritime climate of Santa Barbara, and provides us with a product that is rich and full-bodied, intensely flavored and has a relatively low crop-yield. The soil here is quite sandy, so heat is retained and water is well drained, adding a great deal of aromatics to the final product.

### TASTING & PAIRING

*Appearance: Golden straw*

*Aroma: Honey, pears, cream, macadamia nuts, coconut*

*Flavor: Baked apple pie, butter, nutty, macadamia, some acidity still present*

Our 2018 Reserve Chardonnay is brimming with luxurious aromas of honey, sweet pears, cream and macadamia nuts. Rich, nutty and buttery flavors are largely present from the malolactic fermentation and new French oak, but accompanying structure and acidity pleasantly balance this wine with secondary notes of green apple and meyer lemon.



**Varietal:** 100% Chardonnay  
**Aging:** 100% New French Oak, 10 months  
**Clone:** Clone 76 (100%)  
**Vineyard:** El Camino Vineyard  
**Appellation:** Santa Barbara County, Los Alamos sub-region  
**R/S:** 0.03  
**Acidity:** pH 3.4 | 0.60 TA  
**ABV:** 14.7%  
**Production:** 113 cases  
**Harvest Date:** 10/24/18  
**Bottling Date:** 05/20/19



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