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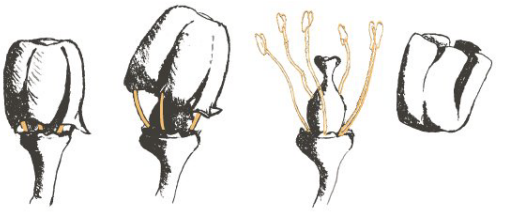

2016
STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD
CHARDONNAY

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## Chardonnay

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| HARVESTED | September 9, 2016 |
| VINEYARD | Stillwater Creek Vineyard |
| BOTTLED | April 8, 2019 |
| COMPOSITION | 100% Chardonnay |
| ALCOHOL | 14.5 % |
| RELEASE DATE | October, 2020 |

### VINTAGE NOTES

2016 was one of the earliest and prolonged growing seasons on record. This combination of early and long created the best of both worlds. 2016 is poised to go down in the books as one of the most perfect growing seasons. April and May were warm and dry. By mid-summer, cooler temperatures arrived and continued through harvest. This allowed for long hang times and optimal picking dates. The especially long season allowed the grapes to ripen slowly which helped preserve freshness and elegance in the finished wines.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Hand-picked whole-clusters were sorted on their way to the press and then gently tumbled inside the press cylinder to macerate on skins for 4 hours. Juice from the press was pumped into a stainless tank for 48 hours of settling at 55 degrees. The lightly settled juice was then racked directly into 75% new French oak barrels and carefully monitored. Native yeast fermented, the barrels were stirred only as needed to encourage the process. Primary fermentation lasted for 2 months. Native malolactic fermentation completed in July 2017. After an extended 23 months of total barrel age, the wine was racked once more to stainless for 6 months and finished with a light polish filtration. One year in bottle before release.

### TASTING NOTES

This is a bright and concentrated barrel-aged Chardonnay that opens with lemon freshness alongside crème brûlée and sandalwood followed by hints of flint and warming winter spice. A broad and layered entry is complimented by balanced acidity and a clean and seemingly endless finish.

### VINEYARD

Stillwater Creek Vineyard is a 235 acre site on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills. Planted in 2000, the Chardonnay lies at 1500' elevation on a mixture of fractured basalt and fine sandy loam along the site's gentle north facing slopes.

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