

HESTAN VINEYARDS

San Francisco Bay AVA

2018 Hestan Chardonnay



Vineyards

Coming from a two-acre parcel in the San Francisco Bay AVA, the vineyard experiences substantial influences from the San Pablo Bay, which helps this wine carry a great balance of acidity and weight. The vineyard is heavily influenced by the Pacific Ocean breeze and the fog that rolls in off the cool waters of the bay, moderating the warmer temperatures and ensuring an extended ripening season for the grapes.

Growing Season 2018

February saw abundant rains, followed by lots of filtered light in spring and early summer. Both bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun during the day and cooler marine influences, virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild summer followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for the fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

Vinification

The wine is unfiltered and unfined. It is sur-lee aged and goes through a light malolactic fermentation. The oak regimen is 40% new and 60% neutral.

Tasting Notes

Medium straw color with notes of red apple, lemon candy, melon, and stone fruit on the nose. The palate opens with notes of honeydew, orange candy, ginger, butterscotch with hints of under ripe apricot. The wine is well integrated and displays a clean, balanced acidity. Age for 5-7 years.

Appellation: San Francisco Bay AVA

Vineyard: Vallejo

Aging: French oak, 40% new

Winemaker: Thomas Rivers Brown

Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Maturation: 14 months

PH: 3.60

TA: 6.0 g/L

Alcohol: 13.9%

Production: 639 cases

SRP: \$50

Bottling: December 13, 2019

