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2017 LOS PRIMEROS CHARDONNAY

Monterey County | Sonoma County

VINEYARD STORY

Los Primeros – meaning “the first” – honors the early winegrowing pioneers in California who planted vines along the coast. Today, many of those plantings exemplify why Chardonnay is the best-selling variety in the United States.

THE PLACE

73% Monterey Country — two vineyards in the “sweet spot” of the region’s northern stretch contribute to this blend. The flavors and acidity showcase the microclimates in this area.

McIntyre Vineyard, harvest date September 5th — originally planted in 1973, was the first vineyard in the AVA to be sustainably certified and is farmed meticulously by leading viticulturist, Steve McIntyre.

Escolle Vineyard, harvest date September 6th — planted to carefully chosen clones and rootstocks in 2008; this site is our source for the prized Hyde clone Chardonnay.

27% Sonoma County — one vineyard in the southern part of Sonoma; the site is near the San Francisco Bay and experiences moderately warm days with cool nights.

Sonoma Creek Vineyard, harvest date September 9th — planted in 1977, where old vines continue to thrive at the hand of Suzanne Larson.

WINEMAKING

The final blend is comprised of 50% tank fermented lots, all of McIntyre and half of Escolle, to preserve the energy and freshness of the wine. The barrel-fermented portion, Sonoma Creek and Escolle lots, were vinified in neutral oak. All fermentations were conducted using native yeasts. Partial malolactic fermentation.

CHEMISTRY

ABV: 14.0 | pH: 3.34 | TA: 6.33

SENSORY

A beguiling bouquet of white flower, wet stone and honeydew expands with aeration as a note of fresh peach emerges. Subtle hints of thyme and lemon verbena play against the fruit, as refreshing minerality comes to the fore in the late-palate. The opposing sensations of the textured barrel lots and the structure of the tank portions create an exciting tension in this balanced and dynamic Chardonnay.

CASES

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