

# BOARS' VIEW

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## BOARS' VIEW CHARDONNAY

Vintage	2020
Vineyard	Boars' View Estate
Appellation	West Sonoma Coast, Fort Ross - Seaview
Varietal	100% Chardonnay
Clone	Wente
Cooperage	15 months in François Frères French oak barrels [100% new]
Winemaker	Thomas Rivers Brown



## PROFILE

In the glass, the 2020 Boars' View Chardonnay radiates a familiar golden hue prominently featured in our Chardonnays. Racy aromas of neroli, lemon curd, white pepper, and violet. The palate bursts with harmonious notes of butterscotch, crème brûlée, honeysuckle, meyer lemon and apricot. The wine offers a very sleek, coating trajectory hallmarked by a wealth of rich Chardonnay flavor and complimentary new French oak. — *Thomas Rivers Brown, Winemaker*

## VINTAGE

The 2020 growing season while challenging has been called a winemaker's vintage. The summer was warmer than average, with temperatures reaching the mid-80s most days, allowing veraison to happen a little earlier and extending hang time. The coastal morning fog preserved the natural acidity yielding an abundant but balanced wine.

## VINEYARD

Boars' View Vineyard is located two ridgelines in from the Pacific coastline where the microclimate ideally balances the cooler morning marine influences with warmer midday and afternoon temperatures. The site was developed by legendary vineyard manager Ulises Valdez Sr. working hand-in-hand with brilliant winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown. After extensive soil assessment, the duo determined California heritage clones would thrive in the warmer region and planted Calera, Mt. Eden and Swan clones in the predominantly Goldridge loam soil of the mid-saddle and lower sections. Atop the hill, the silty clay soil was selected for growing Chardonnay and Wente clone was planted. Valdez & Sons continues to meticulously tend our vines and each year brings forward the finest crop from which Thomas and his team are able to handcraft the most expressive wines possible.