



FLANAGAN

2019 CHARDONNAY *Platt Vineyard*



APPELLATION	Sonoma Coast
HARVEST	September 24th, 2019
pH	3.36
TA	6.77
ABV	14%
CASES	120
BARREL REGIMEN	Barrel fermented and then aged in Atelier barrels <i>light toast</i> with 30% new barrels
RELEASE DATE	October 2021

VINTAGE NOTES

The spring of 2019 was an exceptionally wet one with 20 days of rain in just the month of May. This helped limit fruit set and meant that the 2019 crop was much smaller than the massive 2018 Harvest. After the very rainy spring things settled down, and the rest of the growing season was ideal. The lack of late season rains or heat spikes meant that we were able to harvest without any drama. The fruit quality in 2019 was excellent.

Platt sits 2.5 miles from the Coast and the vineyards cascade down a south facing ridgeline. The Goldridge Fine Sandy loam soils are the most sought after for Pinot Noir and afford excellent drainage. The wind blows reliably out of the northwest and provides good airflow which helps keep the grapes clean. The vineyard elevation ranges from 425 to 850 feet above sea level and is frequently (but not always) above the fog that fills the valley most every morning.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Flanagan Chardonnay Platt Vineyard has a very expressive nose of Almond blossom, and clean Citrus. The palate is complex and fresh with great acidity. Palate notes of ripe Citrus, Almond wood, and Honey Dew melon combine to create beautiful, complex Chardonnay.

Platt has the most delineated fruit profile of all our Chardonnays and, as a consequence, we use very few new barrels during the élevage. We believe in letting each site express itself and that means that each of our wines has a unique barrel program and a wine chemistry that reflects that particular site in a given vintage. Great farming, good timing on harvesting, and minimal intervention in the winemaking define our approach to this site. The resulting wine is a stunning expression of this unique terroir.

I believe that Platt is the top vineyard site in Sonoma County for Chardonnay, which probably makes it the best Chardonnay vineyard in California.