



# B SIDE

## 2018 NORTH COAST CHARDONNAY

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### TASTING NOTES

The B Side Chardonnay is a light gold color in the glass with vibrant aromas of baked apples, brioche, warm toasted almond and a distinct fresh orchid floral note. The pronounced aromas lead to a plush, medium-bodied palate with flavors of ripe stone fruit, poached pear, warm pie crust, and subtle honey notes. The wine is a fine balance of upfront fruit concentration and rich texture. The toasted French oak notes are framed by bright lemon acidity leaving a very lengthy finish. The B Side Chardonnay is a delicious wine to sip alone but with its bright acidity, it pairs perfectly with a well-curated cheese board of Brie, Pecorino and aged Manchego.

### APPELLATION

The majority of the Chardonnay for this wine comes from Watmaugh Ranch Vineyard located in the heart of Sonoma Valley. This vineyard is planted mainly to the Hyde-Wente clone of Chardonnay which is native to many of the historic Sonoma vineyards. This clone is known for its unique and complex fruit characteristics. The location of the vineyard, in a cool wind tunnel of Sonoma Carneros, allows for extremely long hangtime and intense flavor development. This Chardonnay is usually not picked until October when most Sonoma vintners are picking their red grapes! This extended hangtime allows the fruit to fully develop and gives the wine delicious apple, lemon crème and citrus fruit flavors. In addition to the majority Sonoma Valley fruit, additional Chardonnay lots from Mendocino County were also used in the final blend. This very nice cool climate expression of Chardonnay lends great weight and apple nuances to the final wine.

### SPECIFICATIONS

COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
APPELLATION	100% North Coast Sonoma Valley 41% Watmaugh Ranch Mendocino 30% Pauli Ranch 29% Bartolomei
VINTAGE	2018
Alc.	14.5%
pH	3.58
TA	5.5 g/L
AGING	Aged 12 months in French Oak barrels (Damy & DJJ), 20% new
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### VINTAGE

The North Coast region enjoyed a beautiful growing season with mild temperatures and easy conditions from bud break to harvest. The harvest yields are what was expected and the high-quality and dense flavor development is excellent for vintage 2018 wines.

### OUR PHILOSOPHY

Our roots trace back to an authentic place. B Side wines are rare, unconventional and often lesser known. We follow a rhythm no one else can hear separating our wines from others with smooth, soulful palettes and perfectly tuned notes. B Side is a complex wine, made simply. For those who know the difference.