

Bailarin Cellars

2020 Soberanes Chardonnay



WINEMAKER NOTES

This chardonnay is a delicate yet rich representation of the Santa Lucia Highlands. With notes of nectarine, apricot, melon, spicy oak, and floral tones, the fragrance is captivating. On the palate, hints of pear, pineapple, nutmeg, and lemon meringue are present, culminating in soft brioche tones to finish. This wine has excellent aging potential and will continue to evolve for the next r the next

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

The grapes are hand picked at dawn and delivered to the winery where they are hand sorted and whole-cluster pressed directly to 30% new French oak barrel. The juice is fermented and aged sur lie for 11 months, and undergoes 100% malolactic fermentation to balance acidity. The lees are stirred twice a month for the first 5 months to enhance texture and complexity. Finally the wine is racked clean off the lees and bottled.

FRUIT SOURCE: SOBERANES VINEYARD

Soberanes Vineyard is a premium 38-acre vineyard located in the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA in the Salinas Valley. The vineyard has an eastward-facing alluvial terrace, split into three distinct parcels, with soils that drain well and allow for great root penetration. With morning fog and cool, steady winds from the Monterey Bay, the vineyard experiences a long and steady growing season, ideal for producing exceptional wine grapes.

VINTAGE NOTES

Despite the challenging circumstances of 2020, we were able to make small amounts of great wine. Short yields and extra stress on the vines led to intense fruit flavors, which are evident in all of our wines. We were fortunate to harvest all of our fruit before the fires, and as usual, the natural acidity of the wine shines through.

THE WINERY

Bailarin Cellars was created in 2014 by a collective of family and friends, each following their respective passions. Together, we focus on producing small lots of handcrafted wines from unique vineyard sources. We are proud to share the fruits of our labor and love with you.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands
Composition: Chardonnay
Barrel Time: 11 Months, 30% new French oak
Alcohol: 14.5%
Cases Produced: 132
Designations: Single Vineyard, Vegan

