



# POST SUMMIT

## CHARDONNAY

Arroyo Seco | Monterey

2020

### THE SUMMIT OF EXCELLENCE

Adventurous hikers who ascend 3555 feet to the top of Monterey County's Post Summit are treated to a sweeping panorama of the Pacific Coast and the Ventana Wilderness. The magnificent view from our local summit is the inspiration to create wines that express the peak of winemaking excellence.

### VINEYARDS

Our vineyards are located in the Arroyo Seco American Viticultural Area (AVA) near the town of Greenfield in Monterey County. One of the smaller California growing areas, it spans 18,000 acres with half planted to vines. While less well known than the adjoining Santa Lucia Highlands, Arroyo Seco wines are emerging as a leading region for world class Chardonnay. A cool maritime climate, ample sunshine, shaded canyons, and rocky soils produce a Chardonnay with structure, balance, and finesse.

### WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested during cool night and early morning. After a cool fermentation in stainless steel, the wine was racked into French oak barrels, with most of the wine going through a secondary malolactic fermentation, adding rich, buttery characteristics. Our winemaker arrested malolactic fermentation in approximately 1/3 of the wine barrels in order to retain the bright, crispness and fruity notes to that portion of the wine. After 12 months of barrel ageing, both portions of the wine were blended, with the addition of a touch of Viognier for floral, aromatic notes. The wine was lightly filtered and fined prior to bottling.

Winemaker: José Ramirez

Varietal Blend: 96% Chardonnay, 4% Viognier

Alc. By Vol. 14.2%, TA 6.1%, pH 3.4

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Crisp minerality, delicate aromas of honeysuckle, with notes of ripe pear and Meyer lemon, finishing with creamy toastiness.

Suggested Pairings: Butternut squash risotto, oysters on the half shell, roasted salmon with beurre blanc

