



**MUIRWOOD**  
**CHARDONNAY**  
ARROYO SECO, MONTEREY | 2021  
ZANETTA VINEYARD

**BACKGROUND**

The Zaninovich family has deep farming roots, spanning nearly a century. Located southeast of the Monterey Bay in the Arroyo Seco Canyon, our vineyards benefit from growing conditions and soils not found anywhere else. Starting in 1971, we established vineyards, in different growing areas of the Arroyo Seco American Viticultural Area (AVA), acquiring the Zanetta Vineyard in 1988. Today, with four generations of California farming in harmony with nature, we take a long-term perspective. We are inspired by the legacy of John Muir and share a belief in the importance of nurturing the land generations to come.

**WINEMAKING**

The grapes were crushed and pressed, separating the free run juice from the press juice. Free run juice was then fermented in stainless steel tanks at a cool temperature to preserve the fruit aromas and flavors. The free run wine was transferred to French oak barrels to finish the fermentation and aging, adding complexity and structure to the wine. 80% malolactic fermentation was completed, as a few barrels were arrested in order to preserve freshness and acid backbone. The wine was aged for 9 months in French oak barrels, with occasional stirring of the lees to enhance the mouthfeel and flavor of the wine.

**TASTING NOTES**

A fragrant and floral nose of honeysuckle and ripe green apple, rich and creamy mid-palate with lemon cream and hints of white peach, a smooth finish with light toasty oak and vanilla.

**FOOD PAIRINGS**

Grilled Chanterelle Mushrooms, Herb-Roasted Chicken, Sole Meunière.

**TECHNICAL**

Alc. By Vol. 14.5%, TA 6.3%, pH 3.4

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VINEYARD**

Shaded by the Santa Lucia Mountains and chilled Pacific Ocean breezes, Zanetta Vineyard experiences the coolest microclimate of all our vineyards. Thin, river rock soils force the vines to dig deep for water and nutrients, producing grapes of character. Together, the soil and microclimate create ideal conditions for our flagship Chardonnay, a wine with Burgundian structure, acidity, and complexity.

