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2019 EQUILIBRIO CHARDONNAY



2019 VINTAGE

Spring started dry and cold with rain coming late. The four weeks from late November to mid-December witnessed 175mm of rain. A godsend in hindsight, as we experienced the driest summer in our records with less than 50mm of rain from December through February. Combine this with a hotter than normal summer pattern which meant varieties ripened and were picked early.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

The concept behind our Equilibrio range is to promote the very best barrels, clonal mix and new oak integration to create a few cases that will benchmark the potential of each vintage. Some would call it Reserve but we call it Equilibrio as great wine is all about harmony and balance.

The Mendosa clone creates rich, elegant Chardonnay and we selected this for our first Equilibrio. The wine is opulent, generous and composed with good oak integration all wound together with a citrus and nectarine, creamy freshness.

TASTING

Nuances of white flower, vanilla and grapefruit combine on the nose with undertones of struck match and toasted hazelnuts. The palate is still youthful with great persistence and tight minerality and is showing excellent structure with fine balance. This wine will evolve over many years to come.

PAIRING

Spanner crab tagliatelle with pangrattato or freshly cooked crayfish with butter sauce.

TECHNICAL

VARIETALS:	Chardonnay
CLONES:	Mendosa
YEAST:	Wild
OAK AGE:	25% New
HARVEST:	20 February
BAUME AT HARVEST:	12.3
pH AT HARVEST:	3.4
TA AT HARVEST:	7.4

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