2020 Ladybug Chardonnay



VINEYARD: Ladybug

CLONE: Heritage Shot Wente

BLEND: 100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL: 14.5% PH: 3.67

TA: 5.73

PRODUCTION: 234 cases

RETAIL: \$110

VINEYARD

The Ladybug vineyard is named in honor of Cristina Hudson, affectionately known as "ladybug". This vineyard lies on the north-eastern part of the ranch and is sheltered by Milliken Peak, which protects it from the prevailing westerly winds. Therefore, this site has slightly warmer days and cooler nights, ripening 10 days after the more westerly portions of the ranch. Ladybug tends to be a bolder, more opulent wine while still maintaining the characteristic energy of a Hudson Chardonnay.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was picked by hand at night, whole cluster pressed, and barrel fermented utilizing native yeast in 80% new Francois Freres and Damy French oak barrels. The wine is stirred regularly and aged sur lie, then settled and bottled unfiltered and unfined after 23 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Ladybug showcases enticing aromas of jasmine, beeswax and crème Brule. It has a full body with a round, lush mouthfeel, finishing long and lingering on the palate.

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