

SEXTANT 2017

SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS RESERVE CHARDONNAY



APPELLATION: Santa Lucia Highlands, California

WINEMAKING: Fruit sourced from Sarmiento Vineyards in the prestigious Santa Lucia Highlands appellation of Monterey County. Barrel fermented and aged sur lie for 10 months in 30% new oak barrels. The lees was stirred weekly for the first two months of aging to create its creamy texture. The buttery nose from this wine is due to fully completing the Malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES: The Santa Lucia Highlands have become renown for producing Chardonnay as lovely as any region in the world. East-facing hillsides and foothill benches resemble the best sections of the Burgundy Region where Grand Cru or “Great Growth” designated vineyards continue to set the highest standards. Accordingly, the 2017 Reserve Chardonnay offers a clean and charming golden complexion as fragrant vanilla and baking spices idle on the nose. A shapely body is framed by smooth acidity delivering pineapple and white peaches to the mid-palate. Hints of brioche, almonds, and apricots coalesce at the periphery and linger on the exquisite finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES:	pH - 3.62
Malolactic Fermentation - 100%	Residual Sugar - .006
Total Acidity - .501g	Alcohol - 14.5%

SUGGESTED AGING: Enjoy now or cellar through 2022

A bold, full flavored Chardonnay



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