

# SEXTANT 2019

## SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS RESERVE CHARDONNAY



**APPELLATION:** Santa Lucia Highlands, California

**WINEMAKING:** The Sextant Santa Lucia Highlands Reserve Chardonnay has become one of our most anticipated releases each vintage. Fruit sourced from a neighboring block to our SLH Pinot Noir, this Chardonnay is grown in the prestigious Sarmiento Vineyard of Monterey County. After pressing the grapes, free run juice is pumped into lightly toasted American oak barrels where it is fermented for about two weeks. Each barrel is then stirred once a week through malolactic fermentation and for the remainder of its aging time in barrel. This bâtonnage style of winemaking helps elongate the mouthfeel and allows the wine to express its full potential.

**TASTING NOTES:** A Chardonnay lovers dream, the 2019 Sextant Reserve Chardonnay is popping with aromas of buttered popcorn, vanilla, and pumpkin seed. A silky smooth mouthfeel is highlighted by flavors of crème brûlée and butterscotch. From onset to finish, this wine holds its weight, with a perfect balance of cream and acidity.

**VARIETALS:** 100% Chardonnay

<b>TECHNICAL NOTES:</b>	pH - 3.69
Malolactic Fermentation - 100%	Residual Sugar - .09g/100mL
Total Acidity - .53g/100mL	Alcohol - 14.29%

**SUGGESTED AGING:** Enjoy now or cellar through 2023

*A bold, full flavored Chardonnay*



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