

Au Bon Climat



2018

Chardonnay Sanford & Benedict Vineyard

This vineyard is known for Chardonnay with a flinty, crisp structure and complex nature. The 2018 is unusually forward yet well constructed, with a creamy, supple texture along with wonderfully expressive fruit.

The first “great” vineyard in Santa Barbara County was planted by Richard Sanford and Michael Benedict in 1971. The vineyard is located 10 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean on the western end of the Santa Ynez Valley, and benefits from a unique geographic anomaly – the east-west traversing mountains of the Santa Ynez Valley which provides a pathway to the Pacific Ocean and draws the cool air inland.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Sta. Rita Hills

HARVEST: October 2, 2018

VINEYARD:
Sanford & Benedict Vineyard

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

VARIETAL:
100% Chardonnay

ACIDITY: 6.3 g/L

COOPERAGE:
12 months 50% new François Frères French oak

pH: 3.31

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$40

ACCOLADES

Antonio Galloni
vinous 94

WINEENTHUSIAST 92

JEB DUNNUCK 92

Wine&Spirits 92

“The 2018 Chardonnay Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Santa Barbara Historic Vineyards Collection is creamy and ample, with pretty floral notes that lend complexity.”

— ANTONIO GALLONI'S VINOUS

From The Winemaker

The fruit is barrel fermented in François Frères barrels, 50% new, and aged for about 12 months prior to bottling.