

## SENSES WINES 2019 CHARDONNAY CHARLES HEINTZ

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### VINTAGE

2019 may stand out as one of the more exceptional vintages in recent memory. Cooler temperatures and stable weather for most of the growing season allowed for slow maturation of flavors without any heat events spiking sugar accumulation in the berries. Although 2019 also saw the devastating Kincadee fire in Sonoma County, Pinot noir and most Chardonnays in the county were harvested by then, so the smoke did not affect the grapes. Overall, look for wines with slightly lower alcohol, higher but integrated acids, and a depth of flavor that you would probably have to go back several vintages to find an equal.

### VINEYARD

The Heintz family has owned the ranch for over 100 years. Ideal Goldridge soil, healthy, mature vines, warm days balanced with cool nights and a grower who has been working the land since 1982 all contribute to Robert Parker's assessment of the vineyard as "...one of the great grand cru Chardonnay sites in California."

### WINE

Heintz is always one of our favorites and this vintage is no different. It's bright and so deliciously approachable that it's hard to stop at just one sip. The classic honeysuckle, white jasmine, and tropical fruits are all there but the texture is through the roof. It's phenomenal. And while this wine is incredible by itself, I can only imagine pairing it with a wonderful meal one night soon. A subtle salinity rides throughout and the lingering finish has just enough zest and more than enough texture to leave your palate fully satisfied.

APPELLATION: SONOMA COAST

ALCOHOL: 13.6%

RELEASE PRICE: \$75

VARIETAL: 100% CHARDONNAY

AGING: 100% FRENCH OAK; 30% NEW; 14 MTHS

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