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2020 Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER NOTES

Tangerine, spiced pear, and hints of green tea are layered in this wonderfully complex and aromatic wine. The barrel fermentation, ageing, and lees contact further add depth and interest on the nose. The old-Wente selection produces very small berries, which translates into wine with excellent concentration and minerality. Citrus, orchard fruits, and apple flavors mix on the palate, making this offering from our Lewis MacGregor Estate one not to be missed.

THE VINEYARD

The Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard is nestled in on the ridgeline between Eastside Road and Starr Road and has a wonderfully well drained sandy loam soil with interspersed stream gravel. Named in honor of John Dyson's grandfather, the vineyard has a moderate micro-climate and is perfectly suited to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay to yield wines with character and verve.

HARVEST 2020

The 2020 growing season started out very dry and bud break was delayed. Early spring rains recharged the soil profile, but periods of extreme cold caused many frost events throughout the Russian River Valley. Late spring yielded ample sunshine and moderate temperatures, and the plants responded very well with excellent canopy growth. The season ended up approximately 12% warmer than average and did not have any heat spikes until August. Harvest started in haste on August 12, ahead of an extreme heat wave. On the night of August 17, the weather changed and there was a rare dry lightning storm that sparked a fire on a hillside in remote west Sonoma County; later named the Walbridge Fire. In the Russian River Valley, it took a number of days for smoke to settle. Based on test result for smoke taint on the grapes, several coastal vineyards were not picked. For the vineyards which were picked, either before the fire or before the smoke settled, the result was concentrated wines with a darker, more brooding complexion. The polish of the tannin, coupled with excellent concentration, should allow for a wide drinking window.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 33% new, 22% 1 yr., 33% 2 yr., 12% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.24

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 14.6%

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