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Our Chardonnay vineyard is a bona fide outlier, residing at the far northwest corner of our estate property. The soil in this truly wild west vineyard is a dense gray clay, thick enough to pull your shoe off your foot should you venture out when it's damp. At four acres it typically yields a mere two tons maximum per acre. The fruit extracts from the clay soil a terrifically complex minerality that sets the resulting wine apart from typical Napa Valley Chardonnay offerings. This technically is vintage no. 19, making its return after the skipped 2020 vintage that saw this vineyard block narrowly escape the wildfire that hit our property.

Technical

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Vineyard source: Brown Estate

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel Aging: 6 months in 25% new French oak

Alc. by vol.: 12.9%

pH: 3.79

TA: 6.6 g/L

Production: 180 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Rich yellow gold throughout.

Nose: Pineapple, green mango, lemongrass. Time in the glass reveals honey-drizzled peach and Meyer lemon.

Palate: Bright, tight acidity with subtle sorbet-like concentration of fruit and a trace of minerality. Medium-bodied with silky mouthfeel and ultra-fine tannins.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2030+.