

ALCHEMY

SANDPIPER RESERVE CHARDONNAY – 2019



Grape Varietal

Chardonnay with a touch of Viognier

Production area

Vin de Pays d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon, Southern France.

Alcohol Level

13%

Ageing & Storage

A small percentage has spent 3 months in a combination of French and American oak. Best drunk within 18-24 months

Tasting Note

The Languedoc-Roussillon is producing some of the best value, forward thinking, approachable wines coming out of France now. Using a combination of grapes picked at optimal maturity, some old vine parcels, hand picking and winemaking techniques that allow the fruit to shine, the new Sandpiper really shows that Alchemy's "little bird" is back with a bang.

Grown on a maritime lagoon at the foothills of the Black Mountains, the vines enjoy maximum ripening before cool night time harvesting. Pale golden straw in colour, the wine shows rich summer fruit aromas, full peach and melon flavours on the palate with subtle oak complexity, balanced by a fresh crisp finish. Only the best barrel fermented selected wine makes up a small percentage of this very easy drinking subtle Chardonnay. New World meets Old World with definite French Finesse!

Serving & Dining

Serve 12°C with fish and chicken dishes, mildly spiced dishes soft cheeses and summer salads.

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What our experts are saying

~ Alun Griffiths MW ~

“Classic buttery, opulent style, with roundness and depth. Well-judged use of oak; a good formula for a commercial Chardonnay, not the level of minerality to provide added complexity but very well made, a typical example of the grape, and very easy to enjoy”

~ Anne McHale MW ~

“Gentle melon & peach on nose, fresh, zesty and fruit-forwardly drinkable on palate with subtle oak well-integrated”

~ Demetri Walters MW ~

“Quite Chablisienne. Chalky minerality. Almost salty. Quince coming to the fore as well as notes of grapefruit. Quietly expressive and softly spoken despite an unfolding and textured palate”