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## 2020 Béton Chardonnay

ESTATE GROWN – SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

This special selection 2020 Chardonnay was aged exclusively in a premium 900-gallon concrete tank imported from France, imbuing the wine with intriguing minerality and a beautifully distinctive texture.

### ESTATE VINEYARD

The 35-acre Brick Barn estate vineyard lies just north of the Santa Ynez River in a largely unexplored winegrowing corridor near the city of Buellton in the western Santa Ynez Valley. Here, persistent sun exposure ensures ripe flavors, while the Pacific Ocean—just 10 miles away—delivers daily cooling that maintains fruit acidity and structure. This 2020 Chardonnay comes from Block 5, which spans five acres. Here, sandy riverbed soils foster pure varietal character in our Chardonnay, while the reliable marine breezes help maintain vibrant acidity right through full maturity. Tight 6x3 vine spacing ensures that yields are kept in check for the sake of natural flavor intensity.

### WINEMAKING

Béton is the French word for concrete, reflecting the vision behind this wine: to create an elegant Chardonnay that displays the unique nuances gained from aging the wine exclusively in concrete. The grapes were harvested at night and pressed in the early morning. After cold settling, the juice was fermented in stainless steel over a period of 14 days. The new wine was then racked off the lees and aged for five months in a 900-gallon Nomblot concrete tank made from natural washed gravel, sand and well water. Concrete aging strikes a distinctive middle ground between stainless and oak, balancing impressive textures with fresh fruit character.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Chardonnay Béton opens with effusive aromas of golden apple, orange blossom, honeycomb and mineral. A soft, rounded palate fills the mouth with seamless flavors of pear, melon and citrus with hints of light spice. The concrete influence is most notable in the wine's crunchy acidity and minerally textures, all of which come together on a smooth, effortless finish.

#### VINEYARD

Block 5

#### CLONE

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#### AGING REGIMEN

5 months in French concrete tank

pH 3.60

TA .70

ALC 14.9%

CASES 370

SRP \$42