



**HAHN**  
ESTATE

## CHARDONNAY ARROYO SECO | 2018

*Pioneering family winemaking in Monterey County for almost 40 years, the Hahns have always sought to produce fine wines from estate vineyards. Today, their second generation continues this tradition by creating luxurious wines from their premium estate vineyards in the Arroyo Seco appellation of Monterey County. Each wine is grown, selectively harvested, and produced to express vibrant yet integrated fruit flavors and balanced acidity for everyday enjoyment and to complement a variety of foods.*

### ARROYO SECO

A hidden gem located approximately 45 miles Southeast of Monterey amidst the Salinas Valley, Arroyo Seco (meaning 'dry river') was awarded AVA status in 1983. Within an ancient riverbed, the stone laden soil allows precise irrigation to stress vines. Cool winds channeling South from Monterey Bay through the Salinas Valley ensure gradual ripening, full development of vibrant fruit flavors and bright acidity.

### VINEYARD

Ste. (Saint) Nicolaus, 290 acres, was planted in 1994 and is one of the Hahn's six certified sustainable estate vineyards (SIP Certified). It's eastern-facing slope enjoys generous sun which burns off the morning fog. Formed from alluvial materials, Lockwood loam and Rincon clay-loam, the soil is rocky and well-drained. These soils challenge the vines to yield grapes of depth, character and intensity.

### WINEMAKING

**FERMENTATION:** 30% French oak barrels. A mix of 30% new, balance neutral, integrates subtle notes of vanilla and oak in the wine.

**AGING:** On lees 11 months, barrels were stirred regularly, resulting in creamy notes and enhanced texture.

### TASTING NOTES

Inviting aromas of lemongrass, vanilla, and fresh pineapple with subtle notes of honeycomb and guava. The palate is energized by flavors of tropical fruit, pear and apricot followed by a delicate hint of oak. Bright acidity along with a creamy texture from sur lie aging highlight a long rich finish.

### *Certified Sustainable Estate Vineyards*

#### COMPOSITION/AVA

100% Chardonnay  
100% Arroyo Seco

#### VINEYARD

Ste. Nicolaus

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol 14.3%  
pH 3.50  
Total Acidity 6.4 g/L  
Brix at Harvest 25°  
Malolactic Fermentation 100%

#### KEY DATES

Harvest 10/5/18 - 10/18/18  
Release March 2019



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