

RUSACK

SANTA CATALINA ISLAND VINEYARDS

2018 CHARDONNAY

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Santa Catalina Island's El Rancho Escondido was founded by Alison's family in 1930, and for decades was a working Arabian horse ranch. After Geoff and Alison's first date there – some 35 years ago – they began to dream of planting a small vineyard overlooking the ocean in the pastures where horses once grazed. That long-standing dream is now represented in this bottle.

VINTAGE: 2018
VARIETAL: 100% CHARDONNAY
APPELLATION: CALIFORNIA
GROWER/RANCH: RUSACK, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND VINEYARDS, EL RANCHO ESCONDIDO
PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY: RUSACK VINEYARDS, SOLVANG, CA
BOTTLING DATE: JULY 2019
CASES PRODUCED: 97 CASES
RETAIL PRICE: \$60.00
RELEASE DATE: SUMMER 2021
FERMENTATION: BARREL FERMENTED, 100% MALOLACTIC
LEES STIRRED EVERY TWO WEEKS FOR FOUR MONTHS
AGING: 10 MONTHS
100% FRENCH OAK (50% NEW)
BOTTLE ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL: 12.6%
pH: 3.35
TA: 0.664g/100ml
TASTING NOTES: THE CLASSIC COOL-CLIMATE CONDITIONS AND CLAY LOAM SOILS THAT EXIST ON CATALINA ISLAND MAKE IT A WORLD-CLASS SITE FOR CHARDONNAY. THE RESULTING WINE EXHIBITS OLD-WORLD, SILKY COMPLEXITY, WITH HINTS OF MINERALITY, AND AROMAS OF SANDALWOOD AND CALIFORNIA'S FAMED CITRUS.

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