

MAXEM

2019 'LUCKY WELL' CHARDONNAY, SONOMA COAST

TASTING NOTES

Our first foray with this heralded block, the infamous Wente clone benefits from its south/southwestern exposure and whiter, Goldridge soils. This golden liquid prism erupts out of the glass with a seductive opulence of white flowers, crushed stones, apple skins, sea spray and kaffir limes that grabs your senses from the moment you engage the glass. A rounder and more developed palate in its youth, layers of confit peach, acacia blossoms and crushed slate spotlight a unique depth and dimension that will evolve magnificently with time in the bottle. Another whole cluster marvel aged in 80% new French oak from the Sonoma Coast, the 2019 'Lucky Well' highlights a different lens into the special landscape of our take on California Chardonnay.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Sam & Nancy Kaplan
WINEMAKER	Sam Kaplan
VARIETAL	100% Chardonnay
APPELLATION	Sonoma Coast AVA
VINEYARDS	Lucky Well Vineyard
PRODUCTION	200 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.5%



BACKGROUND

In Latin, MAXEM has the distinction of meaning "best of the best." It also combines our two children's names, Max and Emma. With the Ulises Valdez Vineyard as our source, we make Pinot Noir from the historical Calera clone and Chardonnay from the equally acclaimed Wente clone. Sam is winemaker; Nancy, with her laser palate, has an equal say. The grapes lend themselves to the style of wines we both love: exquisitely balanced with bright acids and high tones yet richly textured and possessing full depth of flavor. It is our palates that have driven us here, to this style of wine and especially to the amazing UV Vineyard.