

# **2021 CHARDONNAY**

### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Stature represents the pinnacle of Kendall-Jackson winemaking excellence. Created from only our finest estate vineyards and handcrafted without compromise, it offers the ultimate expression of wine artistry.

#### VINEYARD PROFILE

Much of Santa Barbara County's reputation for bold Burgundy-style varietals can be attributed to the unique combination of long hangtimes in protracted growing seasons, cold nights all summer retaining perfect acidity and balance, along with the hillside and benchland soils delivering minerality under low vigor.

The Neely vineyard is in the eastern hills above Los Alamos, and the Camelot vineyard is on the northern slope of the Santa Maria bench in the Santa Maria Valley with a perfect east-west row direction ensuring impeccable ripening.

Sedimentary rock with small pieces of calcium carbonate and limestone outline their soils, guaranteeing great drainage and expressive wines.

# WINE PROFILE

"The Camelot vineyard brings lush, opulent pineapple, mango and papaya to the wine's bouquet with a creamy, richness finishing on the palate. The Neely vineyard offers the floral honeysuckle notes that add aromatically elegant layers."

-Randy Ullom, Director of Winemaking

# WINEMAKING

An excellent long growing season resulted in a distinctly rich and intriguing wine profile, the harvest was handpicked from Santa Maria, Camelot vineyard and machine harvested from the Los Alamos Valley, Neely vineyard and kept lot-separated throughout production. The lees were stirred every two weeks by hand with a precise seven strokes of the dodine tool each time. Four unique barrels among a peer group of very beautiful 2021 wines begged to be shown to the world. These profoundly complex Chardonnays beamed with quality and individuality that expressed the essence of their terroir.

#### WINE STATISTICS

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

**Appellation:** Santa Barbara County

Oak Aging: 11 months in French oak (45% new)

**Alcohol:** 14.8% **pH:** 3.56

T.A.: 0.55g/100mL

**Production:** 173 cases