

Ceritas

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PETER MARTIN RAY CHARDONNAY \ SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

Acreage 2.1
Clone Mt Eden (Wente Selection)
Elevation 1800'
Aspect North-northeast
Soil Franciscan Shale

Peter Martin Ray sits 1800 feet above the small town of Saratoga. This site dates to the late 1800's being one of the first Chardonnay vineyards to be planted in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Being perched high above the valley floors, the grapes see more sunshine than our other sites, resulting in thicker skins which bring a savory masculine note to the wine that reminds us of the great Burgundies from Puligny.

Dry-farmed, extremely exposed and some of the rockiest soils we work with give this wine character not to be found in our other Chardonnays. Old vines dating back to 1971 have never been irrigated, requiring the roots to search deep into the steep hillside for water and nutrients.

2019 Tasting Note

Most complete vintage to date. Strikingly intense bouquet of lemon peel, mint and linseed, and grilled almonds. Displays wonderful definition and amplitude. The palate is beautifully balanced with a line of acidity, powerful but so elegant for this site. The wine fans out on the finish with notes of bergamot, kaffir lime, and crushed rocks. One of the best wines we have made to date from this site.

From our cellar to your table. Our sincerest thanks for your continued support of our family winery.