



CHALK HILL

2018 CARMÉNÈRE

OUR ESTATE WEST VINEYARD is a spectacular site with a warm south-facing slope perfect for growing red Bordeaux varieties. The rocky, porous volcanic soil challenges the vines. Yields are low, and the grapes are incredibly dark and flavorful. Cabernet Sauvignon and Carménère thrive here. Our two acres of Carménère were originally planted as an experiment, but it has become a key player in some of our blends. In fact, this wine is composed of 92% Carménère with the balance being Cabernet Sauvignon.

The 2018 growing season was one of the most consistent in recent memory. Mild spring weather led to a prime fruit set and ideal growing conditions. Our 2018 Carménère offers rich aromas of blackberry, cherry liquor, black olive, and toasted oak on the nose. Its soft, plush tannins complement flavors of toasted vanilla, blackberry, and black pepper for a delicate finish.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: NOVEMBER 9TH, 2018 AND NOVEMBER 13TH, 2018

Average Yields: 3.16 TONS/ACRE

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.2

FERMENTATION / BARREL

STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTATION WITH PUMPOVERS

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE

Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 73% NEW

Barrel Aging: 15 MONTHS

UNFINED & UNFILTERED

WINE

Blend: 92% CARMÉNÈRE, 8% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Bottling Date: JUNE 23, 2020

pH: 3.84 *TA:* 5.7 G/L *Alcohol:* 15.4%