

The Storm Cellar

VINEYARD + WINERY
Hotchkiss, Colorado

ESTATE CHARDONNAY

West Elks, Colorado
2019

TECH

pH - 3.5
TA - 7.0 g/L
Alcohol - 13.5%
RS - <1 g/L
Production - 110 cases

WINEMAKING

Sourced from our 30-year-old, Wente clone, estate Chardonnay plantings, this was the last vintage that these vines produced, being killed off by a combination phylloxera and frost. To showcase their last vintage, we produced the wine in a classic Chablis style, with no malolactic fermentation and no oak. We stirred the fine lees for six months and filtered lightly before bottling.

THE GRAPE

Chardonnay is the most widely planted white grape in the world, destined for fine wine, for a good reason. It is adaptable to climates, yet responsive to terroir. It can shine alone and unadulterated, or it can respond to a winemaker's hand.

TASTING NOTES

Filled with tropical fruit tones, this bright-and-balanced Chardonnay exhibits a crisp, mouthwatering acidity. Post-fermentation lees contact imparts supple texture and toasty, bready notes. This wine shows how Colorado's marginal climate, dramatic diurnal swings, short growing season, and ample sunlight can translate this adaptable grape into something sublime.

RECOGNITION

Our 2019 Chardonnay received a gold medal in the 2021 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.

