



# Calstar Cellars

## 2017 Cuvée Ann Chardonnay

Mendocino Ridge

### Vineyard Profile

Located in the remote Mendocino Ridge Appellation near the Sonoma County/Mendocino County line near Point Area. Due to its proximity to the Pacific Ocean, this south-facing site is extremely cool and produces tiny yields of incredibly concentrated and expressive Chardonnay. This vineyard is accessible only by timber-flanked logging roads that climb to over 2,000 feet elevation. Situated above the fogline, afternoon sun allows for gradual ripening that would be near impossible to achieve at lower altitudes. The Chardonnay blocks are planted to classic Dijon clones along with heritage selections like Old Wente.

### Winemaker's Notes

This bottling is dedicated to my mother Ann Davis, who passed away in February 2012 from complications with Alzheimer's.

Pale golden straw in color with green glints. The product of an extremely hot growing season, the 2017 Cuvée Ann brings lush, round ripeness balanced by the ocean-infused terroir of the Manchester Ridge site. This bottling leads with lovely ripe Gravenstein apple, shortbread, Meyer lemon blossom and Key lime on the nose, followed by notes of warm spice and vanilla from time in barrel. In the mouth, it is round and expressive. The fullness and ripeness of the fruit is balanced by a delightful acidity that washes over the palate, much like a wave on the shore, bringing with it the power, salinity and minerality of this oceanfront vineyard. The finish lingers with green apple skin and flakey biscuit. Though drinking beautifully upon release, those with patience will be rewarded as more secondary notes of apricot and marzipan emerge with another 5-6 years of aging past vintage date.

### VINEYARD

MANCHESTER RIDGE

### HARVEST DATE

OCTOBER 4, 2017

### BOTTLE DATE

JULY 2018

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

### ALCOHOL

14.2

### PH

3.85

### ACIDITY

5.94 G/L

### FERMENTATION AND STORAGE

100% Barrel Fermented, 30% new oak, French and Hungarian barrels.  
mL Complete

### CASES PRODUCED

120

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